

AGENCY DKT. NO. 144-7/17

IN THE MATTER OF TENIA PETERSON, :  
GREAT OAKS LEGACY CHARTER : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL, ESSEX COUNTY. : DECISION  
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The Commissioner has reviewed the record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission (Commission) – finding that respondent violated the School Ethics Act for failure to timely complete the charter school trustee training in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-33. The Commission’s decision was forwarded to the Commissioner for final determination on the recommended penalty pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-29(c). The Commission advises that respondent ultimately completed her training after the issuance of the Commission’s March 29, 2017 Order to Show Cause. Respondent has neither filed exceptions to the recommended penalty nor instituted an appeal, pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6A:4-1 *et seq.*, of the Commission’s underlying finding of violation.

Upon review, the Commissioner concurs with the penalty recommended by the Commission for respondent’s failure to timely honor an obligation placed upon charter school trustees by law. Additionally, respondent is admonished for causing the unnecessary expenditure of administrative and adjudicative resources at both State and local levels.

Accordingly, respondent is hereby reprimanded as a school official found to have violated the School Ethics Act.

IT IS SO ORDERED.<sup>1</sup>

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: August 21, 2017  
Date of Mailing: August 21, 2017

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<sup>1</sup> This decision may be appealed to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court pursuant to *P.L.* 2008, *c.* 36. (*N.J.S.A.* 18A:6-9.1)