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IN THE MATTER OF THE CENSURE OF :
JAMES CHIEGO PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. : STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
18A:12-29(c), UNION TOWNSHIP BOARD : DECISION ON MOTION
OF EDUCATION, HUNTERDON COUNTY. :

Decided by the School Ethics Commission, April 25, 2006

Decided by the Acting Commissioner of Education, June 16, 2006

For the Respondent-Appellant, Sills, Cummis, Epstein & Gross (Philip E. Stern, Esq., of Counsel)

For the Participants School Ethics Commission and Commissioner of Education, Sookie Bae, Deputy Attorney General (Stuart Rabner, Attorney General of New Jersey)

On April 25, 2006, the School Ethics Commission determined that James Chiego (hereinafter "appellant"), a member of the Union Township Board of Education, had violated N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1(e) of the School Ethics Act, and it recommended that he be censured. On June 16, 2006, the Acting Commissioner of Education¹ accepted the Commission's recommended penalty and directed that the appellant be censured.

The appellant filed the instant appeal to the State Board.

¹ We note that on October 16, 2006, Acting Commissioner Lucille E. Davy was confirmed as the Commissioner of Education.

On August 4, 2006, the Deputy Attorney General filed a motion to participate on behalf of the School Ethics Commission and the Acting Commissioner.

After a review of the papers filed, we grant the motion. The participants' answer brief is due on November 27, 2006. The appellant may file a reply brief within ten days after service of the answer brief.

November 1, 2006

Date of mailing _____