

AGENCY DKT. NO. 676-11/10

IN THE MATTER OF CORYNDA HAGAMIN, :
CAMDEN'S PROMISE CHARTER SCHOOL, : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
CAMDEN COUNTY. : DECISION
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The Commissioner has considered the record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission – finding that respondent violated the School Ethics Act for failure to timely attend charter school trustee training in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-33. The Commission's decision was forwarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-29 for the Commissioner's final determination on the recommended penalty.

Because the respondent had still not completed training at the time of the Commission's October 26, 2010 meeting – one month after the issuance of the Commission's September 22, 2010 Order to Show Cause – the Commission recommended a penalty of suspension from the board of trustees until the completion of training or, if training is not completed by January 8, 2011, removal from office. The Commission's decision provides, however, that if respondent completes her training before the issuance of the Commissioner's final decision, the penalty may be downgraded to censure.

Information has been provided to the Commissioner indicating that respondent completed training on December 13, 2010; however, the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) inadvertently sent her the wrong training materials. The correct materials have now been forwarded, and NJSBA has advised that respondent has been given credit for QSAC training for 2009-10 and Finance training for 2010-11. Accordingly, censure is the penalty recommended by the Commission. As respondent has neither filed exceptions to the recommended penalty or instituted an appeal, pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6A:4, of the Commission's underlying finding of violation, the Commissioner adopts the penalty recommended by the Commission in consequence of respondent's failure to timely honor the 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.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Corynda Hagamin be censured as a school official found to have violated the School Ethics Act.*

ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: January 10, 2011

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* 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*)