231-SEC (SEC Decision: http://www.state.nj.us/education/legal/ethics/training/T07-16.pdf)

AGENCY DKT. NO. 141-7/17

IN THE MATTER OF PHOEBE HADDON,

LEAP ACADEMY UNIVERSITY CHARTER : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL, CAMDEN COUNTY. : DECISION

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 17, 2017

Date of Mailing:

August 21, 2017

<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)