

New Jersey Commissioner of Education
Final Decision

In the Matter of the Suspension of the Teaching
Certificates of Nicole Jacobsen Mesloh,
Board of Trustees of Empowerment Academy
Charter School, Inc., Hudson County.

The record of this matter has been reviewed. The Board of Trustees of Empowerment Academy Charter School filed a petition seeking the suspension of respondent Nicole Jacobsen Mesloh's teaching certificates pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:28-8 because she resigned without providing the Board with the requisite statutory notice. The Commissioner issued an Order to Show Cause on January 13, 2021, which the Board served on respondent on the same date. Respondent did not respond to the Order to Show Cause, other than to email the Department of Education on January 13, 2021 to state that she does not dispute the suspension of her teaching certificates. Accordingly, the Commissioner finds that the respondent's certificates should be suspended pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:28-8, and further finds that a one-year suspension of the respondent's certificates is the appropriate penalty.

Accordingly, the respondent's teaching certificates are suspended for a period of one year from the filing date of this decision, a copy of which shall be forwarded to the State Board of Examiners for implementation of the suspension.

IT IS SO ORDERED.¹

ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: February 12, 2021
Date of Mailing: February 12, 2021

¹ This decision may be appealed to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:6-9.1. Under *N.J.Ct.R.* 2:4-1(b), a notice of appeal must be filed with the Appellate Division within 45 days from the date of mailing of this decision.