

April 5, 2006

Ms. Sandra Mann-Rennie

Re: In the Matter of the Appeal of Sandra Mann-Rennie
Docket No. 0506-175

Dear Ms. Mann-Rennie:

At its meeting of November 3, 2005, the State Board of Examiners considered the appeal that you filed to challenge the rating that you received as a participant in the Provisional Teacher Program. According to your documentation, you received your summative evaluation on April 15, 2005, and your appeal was mailed to the Department of Education on September 10, 2005. *N.J.A.C. 6A:9—17.18(a)1* requires the applicant to file the appeal within 60 days of receipt of the final evaluation and certification recommendation. Your appeal is therefore untimely. However, in accord with *N.J.A.C. 6A:9-17.18(c)*, the Board may relax the time limitations for good cause shown. Accordingly, the Board voted to table your appeal and to offer you the opportunity to address the issue of why you did not file the appeal in a timely manner.

At its meeting of January 19, 2006, the Board of Examiners considered your submission in support of relaxing the time limitations in your case. After full consideration of your documentation, the Board voted to deny your motion to relax the time limits for your appeal. The Board determined that you did not provide good cause for your late filing in this matter since it is the applicant's responsibility to file an appeal when he or she receives a disapproved rating in the provisional teacher program. In fact, your letter indicates that you were prepared to appeal this matter to the State Board of Examiners if you did not receive satisfaction at the district level. Accordingly, this matter is hereby dismissed.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Higgins, Acting Secretary
State Board of Examiners

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Date of mailing: APRIL 5, 2006

This matter may be appealed to the Commissioner of Education pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A-3*.