

#25-11SEC (SEC Decision: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/legal/ethics/training/T35-10-3.pdf>)>

AGENCY DKT. NO. 689-11/10

IN THE MATTER OF MARIA LITTLES,	:	
CHESILHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION,	:	COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
CAMDEN COUNTY.	:	DECISION
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The record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission – finding that respondent violated the School Ethics Act for failure to attend board member training in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-33 – forwarded to the Commissioner pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-29 for final determination on the Commission’s recommended penalty, have been reviewed. The Commission advises that the respondent ultimately completed training after the issuance of its September 22, 2010 Order to Show Cause, but prior to the Commission’s October 26, 2010 meeting and it, therefore, recommends a penalty of reprimand. Respondent filed neither exceptions nor proof of having attended the required training prior to the issuance of the Commission’s Order to Show Cause. Respondent also did not appeal the Commission’s underlying finding of violation pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6A:4.

Upon review, the Commissioner concurs with the penalty recommended by the Commission and additionally admonishes respondent for failing to honor an obligation placed upon board members by law, since such failure has resulted in 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.*

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)