

#385-14

SANDRA GADSDEN, :
PETITIONER, :
V. : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE : DECISION
STATE-OPERATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF JERSEY CITY, HUDSON COUNTY, :
RESPONDENT. :

SYNOPSIS

Petitioner filed an appeal in 2006, challenging the Board's charging of her accumulated sick leave for absences associated with a work-related injury. This matter was the subject of a pending Worker's Compensation case, and was placed on the inactive list between 2006 and 2013. A hearing in the matter was scheduled for August 11, 2014, but petitioner failed to appear. A notice was sent to the parties by the Office of Administrative Law on August 13, 2014, which provided the petitioner with an opportunity to submit an explanation for her failure to appear to the Department of Education within thirteen days of the notice. No explanation was filed with the Department.

There being no explanation for her non-appearance filed by the petitioner, the matter was deemed to no longer be a contested case before the Commissioner. Accordingly, the Commissioner dismissed the petition with prejudice.

This synopsis is not part of the Commissioner's decision. It has been prepared for the convenience of the reader. It has been neither reviewed nor approved by the Commissioner.

September 22, 2014

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The record of this matter – which includes the advisement of the failure to appear transmitted by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 1:1-14.4 and the notification sent to the parties by the OAL on August 13, 2014, providing an opportunity to submit an explanation for such nonappearance – has been reviewed. There was no explanation filed by petitioner, notwithstanding the opportunity to do so. Accordingly, this matter is no longer deemed to be a contested case before the Commissioner and is hereby dismissed with prejudice.*

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: September 22, 2014

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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).