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AGENCY DKT. NO. 167-5/98

IN THE MATTER OF JAMES W. REED, :
GLOUCESTER COUNTY VOCATIONAL :
BOARD OF EDUCATION, : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
GLOUCESTER COUNTY. : DECISION
_____ :

Whereas, the School Ethics Commission has acted pursuant to the authority granted to it by *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-21 *et seq.* to recommend removal of the above-named Board member from office for failure to attend the Board member training sessions required by *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-33 and *N.J.A.C.* 6:3-9.4; and

Whereas, the School Ethics Commission sent ample notice to the above-named Board member of his failure to attend such training sessions; and

Whereas, pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6:3-9.3(i), on April 15, 1998, the Commission issued an Order to Show Cause why a penalty should not be imposed for such failure; and

Whereas, on May 4, 1998, the above-named Board member responded under oath that work and personal responsibilities prohibited his attendance at any of the training sessions during the year, and that he would be resigning from the Board due to his work schedule; and

Whereas, the Commission called the Gloucester County Vocational Board office to verify the above-named Board member's resignation and learned that it had not been tendered; and

Whereas, the Commission voted on May 26, 1998, to recommend removal of the above-named Board member for failure to attend training sessions in violation of State statute, memorializing such decision through a resolution forwarded to the Commissioner, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:12-29*; and

Whereas, on May 27, 1998, the above-named Board member was afforded an opportunity to submit to the Commissioner a response to said resolution recommending removal; and

Whereas, no response was forthcoming; and

Whereas, the Commissioner of Education has carefully considered the record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission and concurs with and adopts as his own the recommendations of the Commission; now therefore

IT IS ORDERED that the above-named Board member is removed from office as of the date of this decision.

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 21, 1998