

500-04SEC

AGENCY DKT. NO. 399-10/04

(School Ethics Commission Decision: <http://www.state.nj.us/njded/legal/ethics/training/t1204.pdf>)

IN THE MATTER OF GEDDZAIDU RUIZ, :
WOODBINE BOARD OF EDUCATION, : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
CAPE MAY COUNTY. :
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Whereas, the School Ethics Commission (Commission) has acted pursuant to the authority granted it by *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-21 *et seq.* to recommend a penalty against 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

Whereas ample notice was provided to the above-named Board member of the requirement and opportunities to attend such training sessions; and

Whereas, on April 30, 2004, the Commission issued an Order to Show Cause why the above-named Board member had not attended training; and

Whereas, the above-named Board member replied to the Order to Show Cause, stating that she could not attend training due to childcare issues and nursing problems with her son; and

Whereas, the Commission voted on July 27, 2004 to extend the opportunity for the above-named Board member to attend training until October 2004, but if she failed to attend such training, the Commission would recommend to the Commissioner that she be removed from the Board; and

Whereas, the above-named Board member registered for the October 2004 training session, but did not attend; and

Whereas, the Commission voted on October 26, 2004 to remove all local district school board members who had failed to attend the October training pursuant to extensions granted them by prior vote of the Commission; and

Whereas, the Commission memorialized such decision through a resolution forwarded to the Commissioner of Education, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-29, and further advised the above-named Board member of her opportunity to submit to the Commissioner exceptions to the penalty recommended by said resolution; and

Whereas, no comments were received from, or on behalf of, the above-named Board member; and

Whereas, the Commissioner of Education has carefully considered the record of this matter and the decision of the 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 filing date of this decision.*

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: December 9, 2004

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* This decision may be appealed to the State Board of Education pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:6-27 *et seq.* and *N.J.A.C.* 6A:4-1.1 *et seq.* Pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6A:4-1.4(a), Commissioner decisions are deemed filed three days after the date of mailing to the parties.