

AGENCY DKT. NO. 672-11/10

IN THE MATTER OF LINDA STERLING, :  
TEAM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL, : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION  
ESSEX COUNTY. : DECISION

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The Commissioner has considered the record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission – finding that respondent violated the School Ethics Act for failure to timely attend charter school trustee training in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-33. The Commission’s decision was forwarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-29 for the Commissioner’s final determination on the recommended penalty.

Because the respondent completed training prior to the Commission’s October 26, 2010 meeting (but after the issuance of the Commission’s September 22, 2010 Order to Show Cause), the Commission recommended a penalty of reprimand. Respondent has neither filed exceptions to the recommended penalty nor instituted an appeal, pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6A:4, of the Commission’s underlying finding of violation.

The Commissioner concurs with the penalty recommended by the Commission in consequence of respondent’s failure to timely honor an obligation placed upon charter school trustees by law. Additionally, respondent is admonished for causing the unnecessary expenditure of administrative and adjudicative resources at both State and local levels.

Respondent is thus 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  
Date of Mailing: 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)