

153-17SEC (SEC Decision: Not yet available online)

AGENCY DKT. NO. 86-5/17

IN THE MATTER OF PATRICIA FABRIZIO, :
UNION COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
COMMISSION, UNION COUNTY. : DECISION

The Commissioner has reviewed the record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission (Commission), finding that respondent violated the School Ethics Act for failure to timely file her Personal/Relative and Financial Disclosure statements in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-25 and 26. 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. The Commission advises that the respondent ultimately filed disclosure statements after the issuance of its February 28, 2017 Order to Show Cause, but prior to the Commission's March 28, 2017 meeting, and it therefore recommends 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.

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

Accordingly, the 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: June 5, 2017

Date of Mailing: June 6, 2017

* 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)