

267-17SEC (SEC Decision: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/legal/ethics/training/T16-16.pdf>)

AGENCY DKT. NOS. 151-7/17 AND 3-8/17A

IN THE MATTER OF FRANK RAIA, :
HOBOKEN DUAL LANGUAGE : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
CHARTER SCHOOL, HUDSON COUNTY. : DECISION
_____ :

The Commissioner has reviewed 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 complete charter school trustee training in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-33. The Commission’s decision was forwarded to the Commissioner on July 11, 2017, 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 completed training after the issuance of its March 28, 2017 Order to Show Cause, but prior to the Commission’s April 25, 2017 meeting; therefore, the Commission recommends a penalty of reprimand. Respondent did not file exceptions to the recommended penalty, but – pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6A:4 – filed an appeal of the Commission’s underlying finding of violation on August 9, 2017. Respondent withdrew his appeal on August 30, 2017.

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 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.

Accordingly, respondent is hereby reprimanded as a school official found to have violated the School Ethics Act.

IT IS SO ORDERED.*

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: September 11, 2017
Date of Mailing: September 12, 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)