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AGENCY DKT. NO. 104-3/16

IN THE MATTER OF THE TENURE :
HEARING OF CHONG-HWA CHANG, : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
NEW JERSEY STATE DEPARTMENT OF : DECISION
CORRECTIONS, NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON :

For Petitioner: Dianne M. Moratti, DAG
Chong-Hwa Chang, respondent, pro se

The tenure charges at issue in this matter were filed with the Commissioner on March 30, 2016. On April 25, 2016, respondent filed an answer wherein she requested that the matter be held in abeyance pending resolution of concurrent criminal proceedings arising from the same allegations. Accordingly, the matter was placed in abeyance pursuant to *Ott. v. Board of Education of Hamilton Township*, 160 N.J. Super. 333 (App. Div. 1978).

In response to a May 4, 2018 letter from the Department of Education requesting a status update, respondent advised in a May 11, 2018 letter:

I am writing to update you on my status. I was ordered to appear for a Pre-Indictment Conference on August 25, 2016; whereupon, I was entered into the Pre-trial Intervention Program for a period of 36 months, beginning August 25, 2016. On the same date, I was ordered to forfeit my public employment with the Department of Corrections as a Teacher 1 at the New Jersey State Prison.

On November 1, 2017, the State Board of Examiners voted to revoke my teaching Certificates and was told to return them to the Secretary of the State Board of Examiners, which I did in December of 2017.

In view of the foregoing, the Commissioner concludes that this matter is moot and no further proceedings are necessary in regard to the pending tenure charges. This matter is therefore dismissed with prejudice.

A copy of this decision will be forwarded to the State Board of Examiners for whatever action it deems appropriate.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: May 16, 2018

Date of Mailing: May 16, 2018