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New Jersey Commissioner of Education

Final Decision

In the Matter of Marilyn Roman and
Sudhan Thomas, Jersey City Board
of Education, Hudson County.

This matter involves an appeal of the School Ethics Commission's (Commission) January 25, 2022 decision that appellants Marilyn Roman and Sudhan Thomas, members of the Jersey City Board of Education (Board), violated *N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24(c)* of the School Ethics Act (Act) by approving a settlement agreement that resolved litigation filed against them individually. The Commissioner previously affirmed the Commission's decision and the penalty of a reprimand. *In the Matter of Marilyn Roman and Sudhan Thomas, Jersey City Bd. of Educ., Hudson Co.*, Commissioner Decision No. 105-22SEC (May 19, 2022). Appellants appealed to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court, which affirmed the Commissioner's finding that appellants had violated the Act, reversed the imposition of the penalty of a reprimand, and remanded the matter to the Commissioner with a direction to vacate the penalty.

Accordingly, the penalty of reprimand previously imposed on appellants is hereby vacated.

IT IS SO ORDERED.¹


ANGELINA ALLEN McMILLAN, J.D.S.
ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: January 8, 2024
Date of Mailing: January 10, 2024

¹ This decision may be appealed to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:6-9.1*. Under *N.J.Ct.R. 2:4-1(b)*, a notice of appeal must be filed with the Appellate Division within 45 days from the date of mailing of this decision.