

New Jersey Commissioner of Education

Final Decision

In the Matter of the Suspension of the Teaching
Certificate of Tierra Arnold, Board of Trustees of
the Hope Community Charter School, Camden
County

This matter was opened before the Commissioner of Education on October 1, 2024, by way of an Order to Show Cause (OSC) served by petitioner, Hope Community Charter School Board of Trustees (Board), upon respondent, Tierra Arnold, requiring respondent to show cause why an order should not be entered suspending her teaching certificates pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:26-10. On November 8, 2024, respondent filed an answer to the OSC, and the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). On July 14, 2025, the OAL returned the matter to the agency based on respondent's failure to appear at a scheduled hearing on July 8, 2024.

The petition and supporting exhibits submitted in this matter indicate that: on August 11, 2024, respondent entered into an employment contract to work as a teacher at the Hope Community Charter School for the 2024-2025 school year, effective September 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025; the contract provides that it can be terminated by the employee upon sixty days' written notice; and on August 30, 2024, respondent sent correspondence to petitioner indicating that she was resigning, effective immediately, thereby providing less than the required 60 days' notice. Respondent failed to appear at the OAL hearing to deny these allegations; therefore, the Commissioner deems such allegations to be admitted pursuant to

N.J.A.C. 6A:3-1.5(e) and further deems them sufficient to justify suspension of respondent's teaching certificates pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:26-10*.

Accordingly, summary decision is hereby granted to petitioner, and respondent's teaching certificates, as well as any substitute teaching credential she may hold, are suspended for a period of one year from the filing date of this decision, a copy of which shall be forwarded to the State Board of Examiners for implementation of the suspension.

IT IS SO ORDERED.¹



COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: August 15, 2025
Date of Mailing: August 15, 2025

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.