

SB # 7-01

IN THE MATTER OF THE DENIAL OF THE :
CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION OF : STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE NEW WORLD CHARTER SCHOOL, : DECISION
ESSEX COUNTY. :

Decided by the Commissioner of Education, January 11, 2001

For the Appellant, Michael Strickland, pro se

On February 12, 2001, Michael Strickland (hereinafter "appellant"), acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the proposed New World Charter School, filed an appeal to the State Board of Education from a letter decision of the Commissioner of Education denying the proposed school's application to operate a charter school pursuant to the Charter School Program Act of 1995, N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-1 et seq. On March 15, 2001, the Director of the State Board Appeals Office ("Director") advised the appellant that the Commissioner had provided the State Board with the record in this matter and that the briefing schedule was therefore being established. She informed him that a brief in support of his appeal was due on or before April 2, 2001.

The appellant, however, failed to file a brief by that date. By letter dated April 4, 2001, the Director advised the appellant of his failure to file a brief and informed him that this matter was being referred to the Legal Committee of the State Board for consideration of his failure to perfect the appeal.

The appellant has still failed to file a brief in support of his appeal, a month after the deadline. Nor has he offered any explanation for his failure to file or requested an extension of time for such filing. As a result, we dismiss the appeal in this matter for failure to perfect. N.J.A.C. 6A:4-1.12(a). See Paszamant v. Board of Education of the Borough of Highland Park, decided by the State Board, April 1, 1992, aff'd, Docket #A-4812-91-3 (App. Div. 1993).

May 2, 2001

Date of mailing _____