

SBE #0405-123
SB # 35-05

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION :
OF THE CERTIFICATES OF FRANCES : STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
METALLO BY THE STATE BOARD OF : DECISION
EXAMINERS. :

Decision by the State Board of Examiners issued on May 18, 2005

Decision on motion by the State Board of Examiners issued on July 28,
2005

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The decisions of the State Board of Examiners are affirmed for the reasons expressed therein. In so doing, we stress that, while the appellant is correct that the Board of Examiners did not consider her answer to the Order to Show Cause since her former counsel failed to submit it in a timely manner, the appellant was provided with a full opportunity during the proceedings on appeal to submit any arguments and supporting documents, and she did in fact take advantage of this opportunity. After reviewing the record, as well as the papers submitted by the parties on appeal, we agree with the conclusion of the Board of Examiners that suspension of the appellant's certificates for two years is the appropriate penalty under the circumstances.

December 7, 2005

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