

#16-11SEC (SEC Decision: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/legal/ethics/training/T21-10-2.pdf>)

AGENCY DKT. NO. 681-11/10

IN THE MATTER OF JAMES ANDERSON, :  
NEW HORIZONS COMMUNITY : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION  
CHARTER SCHOOL, ESSEX COUNTY. : DECISION  
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The Commissioner has reviewed the record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission – finding that respondent violated the School Ethics Act for failure to timely attend charter school trustee training in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-33. The Commission’s decision was forwarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-29 for the Commissioner’s final determination on the recommended penalty. The Commission recommends that respondent be suspended from the New Horizons Community Charter School Board until he has completed the online web-based Finance training program, and if respondent completes the web-based training program by December 15, 2010, the Commission recommends that respondent be censured for failing to timely complete the program. The Commission further recommends that respondent should be removed from the board if this online web-based training program is not completed by December 15, 2010.

On December 16, 2010, the Commission advised the Commissioner that respondent had completed the requisite program. Respondent has neither filed exceptions to the recommended penalty nor instituted an appeal, pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6A:4, of the Commission’s underlying finding of violation.

Upon review, the Commissioner concurs with the penalty recommended by the Commission in consequence of respondent’s failure to timely honor an obligation placed upon charter school trustees by law. Additionally, respondent is admonished for causing the

unnecessary expenditure of administrative and adjudicative resources at both State and local levels.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that James Anderson be censured as a school official found to have violated the School Ethics Act.\*

ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: January 10, 2011

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\* This decision may be appealed to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court pursuant to *P.L. 2008, c. 36*. (*N.J.S.A. 18A:6-9.1*)