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AGENCY DKT. NO. 87-5/17

IN THE MATTER OF TINA REEVES,

PAUL ROBESON CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

FOR THE HUMANITIES, **DECISION**

MERCER COUNTY.

The Commissioner has reviewed the record of this matter and the decision of the School

Ethics Commission (Commission) - finding that respondent violated the School Ethics Act for failure to

timely file her Personal/Relative and Financial Disclosure Statements in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:12-

25, N.J.S.A. 18A:12-26, and N.J.A.C. 6A:28-3.1. The Commission's decision was forwarded to the

Commissioner for final determination on the recommended penalty pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-29(c). The

Commission advises that the respondent failed to file her Disclosure Statements despite the issuance of its

February 28, 2017 Order to Show Cause. Respondent has neither filed exceptions to the recommended

penalty nor instituted an appeal, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:4-1 et seq., of the Commission's underlying

finding of violation.

Upon review, the Commissioner concurs with the penalty recommended by the

Commission for respondent's failure to timely honor an obligation placed upon school board members by

law. Additionally, respondent is admonished for causing the unnecessary expenditure of administrative

and adjudicative resources at both State and local levels.

Accordingly, respondent is hereby suspended for 30 days as a school official found to have

violated the School Ethics Act, effective from the date of this decision. If respondent fails to file her

Disclosure Statements during the 30-day suspension period, she will be removed from office on the 31st

day.

IT IS SO ORDERED.1

ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision:

June 6, 2017

Date of Mailing:

June 6, 2017

¹ 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)