

13-19SEC (SEC Decision: Not available online)

Agency Dkt. No. 287-11/18

In the Matter of Michael Stasi, :
Red Bank Charter School, : Commissioner of Education
Monmouth County. : Decision
_____:

The Commissioner has reviewed the record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission (SEC) – finding that respondent violated the School Ethics Act for failure to timely complete charter school trustee training in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-33, *N.J.A.C.* 6A:28-4.1, and *N.J.A.C.* 6A:11-3.1. The SEC’s decision was forwarded to the Commissioner for final determination on the recommended penalty pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:1229(c). The SEC advises that respondent ultimately completed the training after the issuance of its October 30, 2018 Order to Show Cause, but prior to the SEC’s November 27, 2018 meeting; therefore, the SEC recommends a penalty of reprimand. Respondent filed exceptions to the recommended penalty, apologizing for disregarding the SEC’s notices, and explaining that his recent move out of state was likely the reason the SEC’s notices went unanswered. Respondent did not institute an appeal, pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6A:4-1 *et seq.*, of the SEC’s underlying finding of violation.

Upon review, the Commissioner does not find respondent’s exceptions to be persuasive. Instead, the Commissioner concurs with the penalty recommended by the SEC for 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.

Accordingly, respondent is hereby reprimanded as a school official found to have violated the School Ethics Act.

IT IS SO ORDERED.¹

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: January 14, 2019

Date of Mailing: January 15, 2019

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)*

