SEC #C19-05 C # 84-06SEC SB # 10-06

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OF :

SHARON KIGHT FROM THE BRICK : STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION, : DECISION ON MOTIONS

OCEAN COUNTY, PURSUANT TO :

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:12-29(c).

Decided by the School Ethics Commission, January 24, 2006

Decided by the Acting Commissioner of Education, March 1, 2006

For the Appellant, Gilmore & Monahan (Stephen K. Foran, Esq., of Counsel)

For the Participants School Ethics Commission and Acting Commissioner of Education, Allison Eck, Deputy Attorney General (Zulima V. Farber, Attorney General of New Jersey)

On January 24, 2006, the School Ethics Commission determined that the appellant, Sharon Kight, a member of the Brick Township Board of Education, had violated N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1(e) of the School Ethics Act, and it recommended that she be suspended from her seat on the Board for two months. On March 1, 2006, the Acting Commissioner of Education accepted the Ethics Commission's recommended penalty and directed that the appellant be suspended for two months.

On March 6, 2006, the appellant filed the instant appeal to the State Board of Education.

On March 22, 2006, the School Ethics Commission filed a motion to participate in this matter, and on March 31, 2006, the Acting Commissioner of Education filed a motion to participate.

After a review of the papers filed, we grant the motions. The answer brief on behalf of the School Ethics Commission and the Acting Commissioner is due by July 3, 2006. The appellant may file a reply brief within ten days after service of the answer brief.

June 7, 2006		
Date of mailing _		