

May 4, 2007

Ms. Erin Podewils

Re: In the Matter of the Appeal of Erin Podewils  
Docket No. 0607-202

Dear Ms. Podewils:

At its meeting of March 29, 2007, the State Board of Examiners considered the appeal that you filed to challenge the rating that you received as a participant in the Provisional Teacher Program. According to your documentation, you received your summative evaluation in June 2006, and your appeal was mailed to the Department of Education on January 22, 2007. *N.J.A.C. 6A:9-17.18(a)1* requires the applicant to file the appeal within 60 days of receipt of the final evaluation and certification recommendation. Your appeal is therefore untimely. However, in accord with *N.J.A.C. 6A:9-17.18(c)*, the Board may relax the time limitations for good cause shown. Accordingly, the Board offered you the opportunity to address the issue of why you did not file the appeal in a timely manner.

At its meeting of March 29, 2007, the Board of Examiners considered your submission in support of relaxing the time limitations in your case. After full consideration of your documentation, the Board voted to deny your motion to relax the time limits for your appeal. The Board determined that you did not provide good cause for your late filing in this matter since it is the applicant's responsibility to file an appeal when he or she receives a disapproved rating in the provisional teacher program and all alternate route candidates were informed of the timelines when they entered the program. Accordingly, this matter is hereby dismissed.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Higgins, Acting Secretary  
State Board of Examiners

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Date of mailing: MAY 4, 2007

This matter may be appealed to the Commissioner of Education pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:3*.