

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of November 20, 2002

November 18, 2002

Office of School Board Attorney
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SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA v. JOANNE T. STERN - DOAH CASE NO. 01-3991

On October 24, 2001, the School Board suspended teacher Joanne T. Stern, from her employment with The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and initiated dismissal proceedings against her for failure to correct identified performance deficiencies during her 90-calendar day performance probation. A hearing was requested and the case was tried on May 10 and June 13, 2002, before DOAH Administrative Law Judge Patricia Hart Malono by video teleconference in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

By recommended order entered October 31, 2002, the Administrative Law Judge sustained the School Board's charges and recommended that the School Board enter a final order terminating the professional services contract of Joanne T. Stern.

On November 14, 2002, Respondent filed an Amended Motion for Extension of Time to File Exceptions to the Recommended Order, requesting a fifteen (15) day extension in which to file exceptions, *i.e.*, on or before November 29, 2002. Opposing counsel has no objection to the granting of this request.

This item does not appear in the regular agenda. There is good cause to vary from the agenda because the requested extension of time will expire prior to the December board meeting.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida enter an order in the case of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida v. Joanne T. Stern, DOAH Case No. 01-3991, allowing Respondent to file exceptions on or before November 29, 2002.

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