

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW APPEALS**

Middlesex, ss.

Deborah Regan,  
Petitioner,

Docket No.: CR-25-0303

v.

State Board of Retirement,  
Respondent.

**Final Decision – Dismissal**

Deborah Regan applied to purchase creditable service with the State Board of Retirement for prior service with North Essex Community College. The public employee retirement statute allows public employees to purchase prior service with a government entity so long as such service “immediately preceded” membership in the state retirement system. M.G.L. c. 32, § 4(1)(s). The State Board has, by regulation, defined “immediately preceding” as being “within 180 calendar days.” 941 CMR 2.09(3)(e). The Board denied Ms. Regan’s purchase request because her break in service was two days over the limit. Ms. Regan appealed.

The State Board subsequently received further documentation showing that Ms. Regan’s break in service was within the acceptable limit and thus approved Ms. Regan’s service purchase request.

The Board then moved to dismiss Ms. Regan’s appeal. I gave her until July 29, 2025 to respond and state what issues she thought remained live. Ms. Regan did not respond.

Because the State Board has granted Ms. Regan's service purchase request, I dismiss her appeal as moot. 801 CMR 1.01(7)(g)(3).

***James P. Rooney***

Dated: August 29, 2025

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