

**STATE OF OHIO
STATE PERSONNEL BOARD OF REVIEW**

Veronica Sellers,

Appellant,

v.

Case No. 2015-REM-01-0009

Department of Rehabilitation & Correction,

Appellee,

ORDER

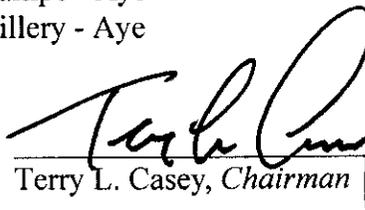
This matter came on for consideration on the Report and Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge in the above-captioned appeal.

After a thorough examination of the entirety of the record, including a review of the Report and Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge, along with any objections to that report which have been timely and properly filed, the Board hereby adopts the Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge.

Wherefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that Appellee's Motion to Dismiss is **GRANTED** and the appeal is **DISMISSED** for lack of jurisdiction.

Casey - Aye
Lumpe - Aye
Tillery - Aye




Terry L. Casey, *Chairman*

CERTIFICATION

The State of Ohio, State Personnel Board of Review, ss:

I, the undersigned clerk of the State Personnel Board of Review, hereby certify that this document and any attachment thereto constitutes ~~(the original)~~ a true copy of the original) order or resolution of the State Personnel Board of Review as entered upon the Board's Journal, a copy of which has been forwarded to the parties this date, May 01, 2015.


Erin E. Conroy
Clerk

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NOTICE

Where applicable, this Order may be appealed under the provisions of Chapters 124 and 119 of Ohio Revised Code. An original written Notice of Appeal or a copy of your Notice of Appeal setting forth the Order appealed from and the grounds of appeal must be filed with this Board fifteen (15) days after the mailing of this Notice. Additionally, an original written Notice of Appeal or a copy of your Notice of Appeal must be filed with the appropriate court within fifteen (15) days after the mailing of this Notice. At the time of filing the Notice of Appeal or copy of your Notice of Appeal with this Board, the party appealing must provide a security deposit to the Board. In accordance with administrative rule 124-15-08 of the Ohio Administrative Code, the amount of deposit is based on the length of the digital recording of your hearing and the costs incurred by the Board in certifying your case to court. The length of the digital recording, the costs incurred, the corresponding amount of deposit required, and the final date that the Notice of Appeal or copy of your Notice of Appeal and the Deposit will be accepted by this Board are listed at the bottom of this Notice. If a full or partial transcript of the digital recording has been prepared prior to the filing of an appeal, the costs of a copy of that certified transcript will be accepted by this Board; transcript costs will be listed at the bottom of this Notice.

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METHOD OF PAYMENT: for all entities other than State agencies, payment of the deposit must be by money order, certified check, or cashier's check. State agencies are required to use the Intra-State Transfer Voucher (ISTV) system (OBM Form 7205), which must be processed prior to the filing of an appeal. To initiate an ISTV, State agencies may call the State Personnel Board of Review Fiscal Office at 614/466-7046.

IF YOU MAINTAIN YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY THE DEPOSIT LISTED BELOW, THEN YOU MUST COMPLETE THE BOARD'S "AFFIDAVIT OF INDIGENCE" FORM. YOU CAN OBTAIN THAT FORM BY CALLING 614/466-7046. THE COMPLETED AFFIDAVIT MUST BE RECEIVED BY THIS BOARD ON OR BEFORE May 8, 2015. You will be notified in writing of the Board's determination. If the Board determines you are indigent, you will be relieved of the responsibility to pay the deposit to the Board. However, if the Board determines you are NOT indigent, then **YOU MUST FILE YOUR NOTICE OF APPEAL OR A COPY OF YOUR NOTICE OF APPEAL AND PAY THE DEPOSIT BY THE DATE LISTED BELOW.**

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Board at 614/466-7046.

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Transcript Costs: N/A Administrative Costs: \$25.00

Total Deposit Required: * \$25.00

Notice of Appeal and Deposit Must
Be Received by SPBR on or Before: May 18, 2015

**STATE OF OHIO
STATE PERSONNEL BOARD OF REVIEW**

Veronica Sellers,

Case No. 15-REM-01-0009

Appellant

v.

March 2, 2015

Department of Rehabilitation & Correction,
Ohio Reformatory for Women,

Appellee

Jeannette E. Gunn
Administrative Law Judge

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

To the Honorable State Personnel Board of Review:

This matter came on for consideration upon Appellee's Motion to Dismiss for lack of jurisdiction. Appellee contends this Board lacks jurisdiction to consider the instant appeal because Appellant's position is subject to a collective bargaining agreement that provides for final and binding arbitration of the employment action appealed and because Appellant was a probationary period at the time of the employment action. Appellant did not a memorandum *contra*.

Based upon the undisputed information contained in the record, I make the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

The position occupied by Appellant was classified as a Corrections Officer, which is included in a bargaining unit represented by OCSEA/AFSCME Local 11. Appellee and OCSEA/AFSCME have signed a collective bargaining agreement covering the Appellant's bargaining unit. That collective bargaining agreement provides a grievance procedure resulting in final and binding arbitration.

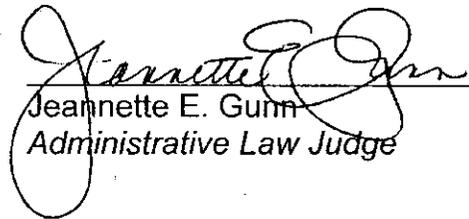
Appellant appealed her removal from her Corrections Officer position, which is a grievable action. O.R.C. Section 4117.10(A) states that where a bargaining agreement provides a grievance procedure which culminates in final and binding arbitration, the State Personnel Board of Review has no jurisdiction to consider an appeal from an employee subject to such collective bargaining agreement.

Appellant was serving in a probationary period at the time of her removal from her Corrections Officer position. Appellant was employed as a Corrections Officer from May 4, 2014, to January 6, 2015, and served a 365 day probationary

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period in accordance with Article 6.01 of the OCSEA/AFSCME contract. Pursuant to the provisions of Ohio Revised Code 124.27(B), there is no right to appeal to this Board under R.C. 124.34 from a removal or reduction which occurs during a probationary period. *Walton v. Montgomery County Welfare Department* (1982), 69 Ohio St.2d 58; *State ex rel. Rose v. Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation and Correction* (2001), 91 Ohio St.3d 453.

Therefore, I respectfully **RECOMMEND** that Appellee's Motion to Dismiss be **GRANTED** and the appeal be **DISMISSED** for lack of jurisdiction.


Jeannette E. Gumm
Administrative Law Judge