

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

Celina Gardenhire,

Appellant,

v.

Case No. 2015-WHB-12-0238

Department of Rehabilitation & Correction,

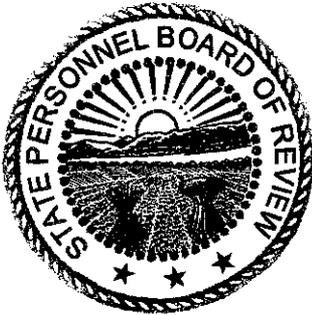
Appellee,

ORDER

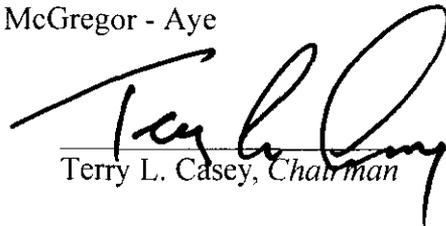
This matter came on for consideration on the Report and Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge in the above-captioned appeal.

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 is **GRANTED** and the instant appeal is **DISMISSED** for Appellant's failure to comply with the requirements set forth in O.A.C. 124-11-07 (A) (2) and (C).



Casey - Aye
Tillery - Aye
McGregor - 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, July 27th, 2016.



Eric E. Conner
Clerk

NOTE: Please see the reverse side of this Order **or** the attachment to this Order for information regarding your appeal rights.

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.

IF YOU ELECT TO APPEAL THIS BOARD'S FINAL ORDER, THEN YOU MUST PROVIDE THE DEPOSIT LISTED BELOW AT THE TIME YOU FILE YOUR NOTICE OF APPEAL OR COPY OF YOUR NOTICE OF APPEAL WITH THIS BOARD. Please note that the law provides that you have fifteen (15) calendar days from the mailing of the final Board Order to file your Notice of Appeal or copy of your Notice of Appeal both with this Board and with the Court of Common Pleas. The fifteenth day is the date that appears at the bottom of this Notice.

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 August 3, 2016. 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: August 11, 2016

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STATE PERSONNEL BOARD OF REVIEW**

Celina Gardenhire

Case No. 2015-WHB-12-0238

Appellant

v.

May 20, 2016

Department of Rehabilitation and Correction,
Grafton Correctional Institution

Appellee

James R. Sprague
Administrative Law Judge

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

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To the Honorable State Personnel Board of Review:

This cause comes on due to Appellant's filing of a whistleblower appeal. Appellant filed her appeal after she received a written reprimand while serving in the position of Program Administrator 2 at Grafton Correctional Institution (GCI). The record was thereafter developed *via* Procedural Order and Questionnaire.

On May 6, 2016, Appellee filed: Appellee's motion to dismiss; a memorandum in support and accompanying documents; and the Affidavit of C.W. Beavin, Labor Relations Officer 2 at GCI. Appellant was provided with the requisite period of time to file her memorandum *contra* but, to date, has not done so.

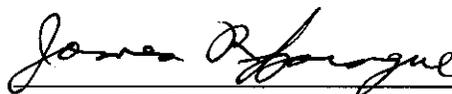
O.A.C. 124-11-07 governs the motions practice before this Board. O.A.C. 124-11-07 (A) (2) states:

Motions to dismiss an appeal shall be supported by affidavits, made on personal knowledge, setting forth facts as would be admissible in evidence. Affidavits shall show affirmatively that the affiant is competent to testify to the matters stated therein. Sworn or certified copies of all papers referred to in an affidavit shall be attached thereto. **When a motion is made and supported as provided in this rule, an adverse party may not rest upon mere allegations or denials. An adverse party's response, by affidavit or otherwise, shall set forth specific facts showing there is a genuine issue in dispute.** (emphasis added)

O.A.C. 124-11-07 (C) sets forth a 10-day time frame for the adverse party (here, Appellant) to respond to a properly filed motion to dismiss. Because Appellant has failed to file her required memorandum *contra*, Appellant has failed to comply with the requirements set forth in O.A.C. 124-11-07 (A) (2) and (C). Thus, the instant appeal should be dismissed.

It is also noted that, in its motion to dismiss and related pleadings, Appellee asserts that this Board lacks jurisdiction to review this matter. Appellee alleges this is because Appellant's job duties may have included the affirmative duty to report certain pertinent activity. Appellee further alleges this is because Appellant's report does not constitute a whistleblower report as contemplated by R.C. 124.341.

Therefore, I respectfully **RECOMMEND** that the State Personnel Board of Review **GRANT** Appellee's motion and **DISMISS** the instant appeal for Appellant's failure to comply with the requirements set forth in O.A.C. 124-11-07 (A) (2) and (C).


James R. Sprague
Administrative Law Judge