STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

LUIS ROSADO, III,

Petitioner,

FCHR Case No. 2016-00598

V.

DOAH Case No. 16-6142

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES,

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER DISMISSING PETITION FOR RELIEF FROM AN UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE

Preliminary Matters

Petitioner Luis Rosado, III, filed a complaint of discrimination pursuant to the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, Sections 760.01 - 760.11, <u>Florida Statutes</u> (2014), alleging that Respondent Florida Department of Children and Families committed an unlawful employment practice on the bases of Petitioner's disability and age (DOB: 10-25-54) by terminating Petitioner from employment.

The allegations set forth in the complaint were investigated, and, on September 19, 2016, the Executive Director issued a determination finding that there was no reasonable cause to believe that an unlawful employment practice had occurred.

Petitioner filed a Petition for Relief from an Unlawful Employment Practice, and the case was transmitted to the Division of Administrative Hearings for the conduct of a formal proceeding.

An evidentiary hearing was held by video teleconference at sites in St. Petersburg and Tallahassee, Florida, on January 3 and 4, 2017, before Administrative Law Judge Elizabeth W. McArthur.

Judge McArthur issued a Recommended Order of dismissal, dated March 15, 2017. The Commission panel designated below considered the record of this matter and determined the action to be taken on the Recommended Order.

Findings of Fact

We find the Administrative Law Judge's findings of fact to be supported by competent substantial evidence.

We adopt the Administrative Law Judge's findings of fact.

Conclusions of Law

We find the Administrative Law Judge's application of the law to the facts to result in a correct disposition of the matter.

We adopt the Administrative Law Judge's conclusions of law.

Exceptions

Neither of the parties filed exceptions to the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order.

Dismissal

The Petition for Relief and Complaint of Discrimination are DISMISSED with prejudice.

The parties have the right to seek judicial review of this Order. The Commission and the appropriate District Court of Appeal must receive notice of appeal within 30 days of the date this Order is filed with the Clerk of the Commission. Explanation of the right to appeal is found in Section 120.68, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, and in the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure 9.110.

DONE AND ORDERED this <u>25</u> day of <u>May</u>, 2017. FOR THE FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS:

Commissioner Tony Jenkins, Panel Chairperson; Commissioner Donna Elam; and Commissioner Gilbert M. Singer

Filed this <u>25</u> day of <u>May</u>, 2017, in Tallahassee, Florida.

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Elizabeth W. McArthur, Administrative Law Judge, DOAH

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been mailed to the above listed addressees this 35 day of 77, 2017.

Clerk of the Commission

Florida Commission on Human Relations