

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

AARON PITTMAN,

EEOC Case No. 15D201700347

Petitioner,

FCHR Case No. 2017-00575

v.

DOAH Case No. 17-5083

SUNLAND CENTER,

FCHR Order No. 18-029

Respondent.

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**FINAL ORDER DISMISSING PETITION FOR  
RELIEF FROM AN UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE**

**Preliminary Matters**

Petitioner Aaron Pittman filed a complaint of discrimination pursuant to the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, Sections 760.01 - 760.11, Florida Statutes (2016), alleging that Respondent Sunland Center committed unlawful employment practices involving Petitioner's employment with Respondent on the basis of Petitioner's race (African American), Petitioner's religion (not specified in complaint), and on the basis of retaliation.

The allegations set forth in the complaint were investigated, and, on August 11, 2017, 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 in Marianna, Florida, on November 16, 2017, before Administrative Law Judge Suzanne Van Wyk.

Judge Van Wyk issued a Recommended Order of dismissal, dated March 30, 2018.

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**

A transcript of the proceeding before the Administrative Law Judge was not filed with the Commission. In the absence of a transcript of the proceeding before the Administrative Law Judge, the Recommended Order is the only evidence for the Commission to consider. See National Industries, Inc. v. Commission on Human Relations, et al., 527 So. 2d 894, at 897, 898 (Fla. 5th DCA 1988). Accord, Coleman v.

Daytona Beach, Ocean Center Parking Garage, FCHR Order No. 14-034 (September 10, 2014), Gantz, et al. v. Zion's Hope, Inc., d/b/a Holy Land Experience, FCHR Order No. 11-048 (June 6, 2011), and Hall v. Villages of West Oaks HOA, FCHR Order No. 08-007 (January 14, 2008).

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

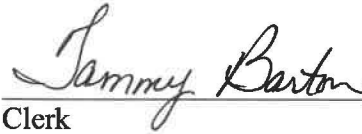
The Petition for Relief and Complaint of Discrimination are DISMISSED with prejudice.

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, Florida Statutes, and in the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure 9.110.

DONE AND ORDERED this 21 day of June, 2018.  
FOR THE FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS:

Commissioner Tony Jenkins, Panel Chairperson;  
Commissioner Donna Elam; and  
Commissioner Mario Garza

Filed this 21 day of June, 2018,  
in Tallahassee, Florida.



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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been mailed to the above listed addressees this 21 day of June, 2018.

By:   
Clerk of the Commission  
Florida Commission on Human Relations