

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

LISA J. FUNCHESS,

EEOC Case No. 15D201700732

Petitioner,

FCHR Case No. 2017-01356

v.

DOAH Case No. 18-3949

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH-  
VOLUSIA,

FCHR Order No. 19-023

Respondent.

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

Preliminary Matters

Petitioner Lisa J. Funchess 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 Florida Department of Health – Volusia committed unlawful employment practices by retaliating against Petitioner for making a verbal complaint about her supervisor.

The allegations set forth in the complaint were investigated, and, on June 21, 2018, 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 Tallahassee and Daytona Beach, Florida, on November 19, 2018, before Administrative Law Judge E. Gary Early.

Judge Early issued a Recommended Order of dismissal, dated January 17, 2019.

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 26 day of March, 2019.  
FOR THE FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS:

Commissioner Latanya Peterson, Panel Chairperson;  
Commissioner Donna Elam (not present and did not participate); and  
Commissioner Jay Pichard

Filed this 26 day of March, 2019,  
in Tallahassee, Florida.



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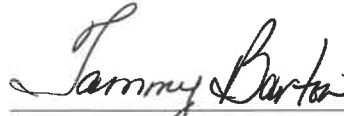
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been mailed to the above listed addressees this 26 day of March, 2019.

By:   
Clerk of the Commission  
Florida Commission on Human Relations