

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

LISA HENDRICKSON,

Petitioner,

v.

BOARD OF COLLIER COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS,

Respondent.

EEOC Case No. 15D202100176

FCHR Case No. 202127631

DOAH Case No. 21-1994

FCHR Order No. 21-086

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

This matter is before the Commission for consideration of the Recommended Order, dated October 20, 2021, issued in the above-styled matter by Administrative Law Judge John D. C. Newton, II.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

Judge Newton's order reflects that Petitioner failed to appear at the scheduled administrative hearing in the case. The final hearing was convened at 9:00 a.m., on October 19, 2021, via Zoom, as noticed. As of 9:20 a.m., Petitioner had not appeared and had not contacted Judge Newton's office to advise of any difficulty to participate. Respondent's representative and counsel appeared at the hearing. All notices were sent to the address that Petitioner provided in her Petition for Relief, and none came back as undeliverable.

Commission panels have concluded that when a Petitioner fails to appear at the scheduled administrative hearing in their case, they fail to meet their burden of proof, and the Petition for Relief should be dismissed. See, e.g., Sushkova v. Marco Destin, Inc., FCHR Order No. 17-083 (November 2, 2017), Santana v. Charter Communications, Inc., FCHR Order No. 17-067 (August 23, 2017), Jacome v. Victoria's Secret, LLC, FCHR Order No. 16-030 (June 9, 2016), Wade v. District School Board of Putnam County, FCHR Order No. 15-008 (February 12, 2015), Demons v. Emerald Grande, LLC, FCHR Order No. 14-033 (September 10, 2014), Bullard v. Lowry Group Properties, Inc., et al., FCHR Order No. 13-011 (February 26, 2013), Goldenberg v. Department of Corrections, FCHR Order No. 12-051 (September 17, 2012), Dotson v. Department of Financial Services, FCHR Order No. 11-034 (April 13, 2011), Patterson v. Panama City Housing Authority, FCHR Order No. 11-001 (January 13, 2011), Crump v. The Majestic Tower at Bal Harbour, FCHR Order No. 10-072 (September 21, 2010), Bermudez v. Lake County Housing Authority, FCHR Order No. 10-041 (April 27, 2010), Cowden v. Difulgio, et al., FCHR Order No. 09-115 (December 14, 2009), Scott v. Two Men and a Truck, FCHR Order No. 09-009 (January 27, 2009), Enzor v. Sandco, Inc., FCHR Order No. 08-048 (July 29,

2008), Rodriguez v. Center Point Health and Rehab, FCHR Order No. 08-001 (January 14, 2008), West v. Sembler Corporation, d/b/a Bay Walk, FCHR Order No. 07-037 (June 15, 2007), Martinez v. KJC Enterprises, d/b/a Plantation Island Resort, FCHR Order No. 07-028 (April 20, 2007), Chaney, et al. v. Robert Buckner & Associates, FCHR Order No. 06-092 (November 13, 2006), and Prek v. Workforce Central Florida, FCHR Order No. 06-079 (September 18, 2006).

We adopt the Administrative Law Judge's finding as to the nonappearance of Petitioner and conclude that Petitioner has failed to carry her burden of proof.

Exceptions

Neither party 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 of appeal is found in Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, and in the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure 9.110.

DONE AND ORDERED this 16 day of December, 2021.  
FOR THE FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS:

Commissioner Darrick McGhee, Panel Chairperson;  
Commissioner Mario Garza; and  
Commissioner Kenyetta Moye

Filed this 16 day of December, 2021,  
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 16 day of December, 2021.

By: Jimmy Barton  
Clerk of the Commission  
Florida Commission on Human Relations