



**pennsylvania**  
OFFICE OF OPEN RECORDS

**FINAL DETERMINATION**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF</b>	:	
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<b>CAELAN STEWART,</b>	:	
<b>Requester</b>	:	
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<b>v.</b>	:	<b>Docket No.: AP 2026-0809</b>
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<b>BUCKS COUNTY,</b>	:	
<b>Respondent</b>	:	

On February 26, 2026, Caelan Stewart (“Requester”), submitted a request (“Request”) to Bucks County (“County”) pursuant to the Right-to-Know Law (“RTKL”), 65 P.S. §§ 67.101 *et seq.*, seeking information about employees hired in the past two months. On February 27, 2026, the County provided responsive records, redacted of personal identification information, *see* 65 P.S. § 67.708(b)(6)(i)(A), and information that is protected by the constitutional right to privacy.

On March 3, 2026, the Requester appealed to the Office of Open Records (“OOR”), challenging the County’s response and stating grounds for disclosure.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, the Requester argues that the County had provided a list of every employee with their salaries and nothing else, when he had asked for more information. The OOR invited both parties to supplement the record and directed the County to notify the OOR if any third parties have a direct interest in the appeal. 65 P.S. § 67.1101(c).

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<sup>1</sup> The Requester provided the OOR with additional time to issue a final determination in this matter. *See* 65 P.S. § 67.1101(b)(1).

On March 24, 2026, the County explained that it had provided responsive records. Upon notification that the Requester was unable to access responsive records at the link provided, the County provided a verified statement, attesting that it had emailed to the Requester personnel reports from January through March that show new hires and separations with salaries and union status. The Requester did not file any objection to the County's production.

As the County has provided responsive records on appeal and the Requester has not objected to the County's production, the appeal is **dismissed as moot**. *See Chester Water Auth. v. Pa. Dep't of Cmty. & Econ. Dev.*, 249 A.3d 1106, 1114 (Pa. 2021) (finding that a matter was settled by provision of records, and thus, "the controversy has been mooted").

For the foregoing reasons, the County is not required to take any further action. This Final Determination is binding on all parties. Within thirty days of the mailing date of this Final Determination, any party may appeal to the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas. 65 P.S. § 67.1302(a). All parties must be served with notice of the appeal. The OOR also shall be served notice and have an opportunity to respond according to Section 1303 of the RTKL, 65 P.S. § 67.1303, but as the quasi-judicial tribunal that adjudicated this matter, the OOR is not a proper party to any appeal and should not be named as a party.<sup>2</sup> All documents or communications following the issuance of this Final Determination shall be sent to [oor-postfd@pa.gov](mailto:oor-postfd@pa.gov). This Final Determination shall be placed on the website at: <http://openrecords.pa.gov>.

**FINAL DETERMINATION ISSUED AND MAILED: May 7, 2026**

/s/ Blake Eilers  
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Senior Appeals Officer

Delivered via E-File Portal to: Caelan Stewart; Laura Riba

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<sup>2</sup> *Padgett v. Pa. State Police*, 73 A.3d 644, 648 n.5 (Pa. Commw. Ct. 2013).