



FINAL DETERMINATION

DATE ISSUED AND MAILED: July 2, 2026

IN RE: *Ashlyn Winter v. Mifflin County Children and Youth*, OOR Dkt. AP 2026-2313

Upon review of the appeal filed with the Office of Open Records (“OOR”) to the above-referenced docket number, it is determined that the appeal is **DISMISSED**:

On June 16, 2026, the OOR issued an Order notifying Ashlyn Winter (“Requester”) that the appeal was deficient because it failed to include a complete copy of the County’s response. The OOR informed the Requester that the document was required to cure the deficiency and directed the Requester to file a complete copy of the County’s response by June 30, 2026, pursuant to 65 P.S. § 67.1303(b). However, to date, the Requester has failed to comply with the OOR’s Order and, without this document, the OOR lacks sufficient clarity to allow the OOR to adjudicate the matter.¹ Additionally, the OOR would be unable to present a complete record on appeal to an appellate court as required by Section 1303(b) of the RTKL. As the Requester has failed to comply with the OOR’s Order, this matter is **dismissed**.

For this reason, CYS is not required to take any further action. Within thirty days of the mailing date of this Final Determination, either party may appeal or petition for review with the Mifflin 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 court rules as per 65 P.S. § 67.1303, but as the quasi-judicial tribunal adjudicating this matter, the OOR is not a proper party to any appeal and should not be named as a party. All documents or communications following the issuance of this Final Determination shall be sent to oor-postfd@pa.gov. This Final Determination shall be placed on the website at: <http://openrecords.pa.gov>.²

Issued by:

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¹ The appeal form alleges CYS’s final response was issued on June 3, 2026; however, the appeal documents did not include a copy of the final response. Without the document, the OOR is unable to confirm what grounds were raised by CYS. Further, it is unclear if the appeal accurately summarizes CYS’s response. Furthermore, both of the records request forms provided with the appeal documents fail to reference the RTKL and, instead, appear to be requests for information pursuant to the Child Protective Services Law, particularly where they were transmitted to the Director of Mifflin County CYS, as well as the relevant caseworker.

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