



## **FINAL DETERMINATION**

DATE ISSUED AND MAILED: August 28, 2026

IN RE: *Cara Simpson v. Pittsburgh Parking Authority*, OOR Dkt. AP 2026-3247

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 August 11, 2026, the OOR issued an Order notifying Cara Simpson (“Requester”) that the appeal was deficient because it failed to include a copy of the Request. The OOR informed the Requester that the document was required to cure the deficiency and directed the Requester to file a copy of the Request by August 25, 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.<sup>1</sup> 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, the Authority 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 Allegheny 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](mailto:oor-postfd@pa.gov). This Final Determination shall be placed on the website at: <http://openrecords.pa.gov>.<sup>2</sup>

Issued by:

/s/ Joshua T. Young

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<sup>1</sup> Without the Request, the OOR cannot confirm the accuracy of the records sought, as set forth on the appeal form. Furthermore, while the appeal form alleges the Request was mailed to the Authority on July 29, 2026, correspondence submitted by the Authority states that the Request was received on August 4, 2026. Therefore, because agencies have five business days “from the date the written request is received by the open-records officer for an agency” to respond, 65 P.S. § 67.901, this appeal would also be premature.

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