

NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

Administrative Complaint Disposition – All Records Responsive Provided in a Timely Manner

Scott Madlinger Complainant GRC Complaint No. 2023-81

v.

Berkeley Township (Ocean) Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Karen Stallings

Request Received by Custodian: March 14, 2023

GRC Complaint Received: April 11, 2023

Complaint Disposition: The Custodian certified that all records responsive to the Complainant's OPRA request were provided to the Complainant within the statutorily mandated response time, as extended. Additionally, the Complainant failed to provide any evidence to contradict the Custodian's certification. Thus, this complaint shall be dismissed because the Custodian timely provided all responsive records.

Applicable OPRA Provision: "A custodian shall promptly comply with a request to inspect, examine, copy, or provide a copy of a government record." N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(g).

"Unless a shorter time period is otherwise provided by statute, regulation, or executive order, a custodian of a government record shall grant access to a government record... as soon as possible, but not later than seven business days after receiving the request, provided that the record is currently available and not in storage or archived." N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(i).

This is the final administrative determination in this matter. Any further review should be pursued in the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey within forty-five (45) days. Information about the appeals process can be obtained from the Appellate Division Clerk's Office, Hughes Justice Complex, 25 W. Market St. PO Box 006, Trenton, NJ 08625-0006.

Effective Date of Disposition: May 30, 2023

Prepared By: Frank F. Caruso

Executive Director

Date: May 23, 2023 Distribution Date: June 5, 2023

¹ The Custodian disclosed e-mail logs for two (2) accounts on March 29, 2023 and April 10, 2023: the second disclosure occurred ten (10) minutes prior to the Complainant's filing of the instant Denial of Access Complaint.