



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL
Administrative Complaint Disposition – Motion to File Within Time Denied

Carl Feren
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2025-373

v.

Jackson School District (Ocean)
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Daniel Baginski
Request Received by Custodian: Unknown.
GRC Complaint Received: December 4, 2025

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant verified the instant complaint on December 1, 2025, alleging he was denied access to his OPRA request dated September 4, 2025 after receiving no response from Jackson School District. Accordingly, the Complainant’s OPRA request was “deemed” denied on September 15, 2025, seventy-six (76) days prior to filing the instant complaint. The Complainant argued that because the Custodian never responded in writing denying his OPRA request, he was not given actual notice of a denial and thus could not determine the date the 45-day statute of limitations expired. Custodian’s Counsel objected to the motion arguing that, by the Complainant’s own admittance, he knew by at least September 24, 2025, that a denial occurred but failed to file a complaint until the beginning of December. However, the Complainant failed to show good cause to permit the complaint to proceed out of time. Therefore, this complaint shall be dismissed.

Applicable OPRA Provision: “A person who is denied access to a government record by the custodian of the record, at the option of the requestor who is accurately identified by name, may, within 45 days of the date of denial . . . file a complaint with the Government Records Council” N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6.

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: January 27, 2026

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Date: January 20, 2026

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