



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

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

Chester Ray Ma’at El Bey
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2026-87

v.

Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority (Hudson)
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Laurie J. Lukaszyk
Request Received by Custodian: January 15, 2026
GRC Complaint Received: February 19, 2026

Complaint Disposition: The Custodian certified that all records responsive¹ to the subject OPRA request were provided to the Complainant within the statutorily mandated response time. Additionally, the Complainant failed to provide any evidence to contradict the Custodian’s certification.² 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: June 30, 2026

¹ The GRC notes that the Complainant’s request was invalid on its face because it sought generic “records”. MAG Entm’t, LLC v. Div. of ABC, 375 N.J. Super. 534 (App. Div. 2005).

² The Complainant included in his communication with the Custodian a request for the Custodian to “provide a sworn custodian certification identifying which categories of records responsive to [his] OPRA request do not exist after a diligent search.” However, no provision in OPRA requires a custodian to include a legal certification attesting to either the search conducted or the existence of records as part of a response to an OPRA request.



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