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**Government of the District of Columbia  
Public Employee Relations Board**

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In the Matter of: )  
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Fraternal Order of Police/ Metropolitan )  
Police Department Labor Committee )  
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Petitioner )  
v. )  
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Metropolitan Police Department )  
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Respondent )  
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PERB Case No. 21-E-03  
Opinion No. 1774

**DECISION AND ORDER**

**I. Introduction**

On November 4, 2020, the Fraternal Order of Police/Metropolitan Police Department Labor Committee (FOP) filed a Petition for Enforcement (Petition). Pursuant to PERB Rule 560.1, FOP requests enforcement of PERB Case No. 19-A-01, Opinion No. 1698 (Opinion 1698). FOP alleges that the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) has failed to comply with Opinion 1698. MPD opposes the Petition for Enforcement but does not contest the facts.<sup>1</sup> The uncontested facts establish FOP's entitlement to relief; thus, the Petition for Enforcement is granted.

**II. Statement of the Case**

On January 23, 2013, MPD held an Adverse Action Hearing. Following the hearing, MPD sustained the charges and terminated the Grievant. The Grievant's appeal to the Chief of Police was denied and FOP invoked arbitration.

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<sup>1</sup> On February 2, 2021, the Executive Director of PERB conducted a compliance review to investigate the allegations of the Petition. During the compliance review, MPD admitted that it had not reinstated the Grievant, provided back pay, or otherwise complied with the arbitration award and Opinion 1698.

On September 28, 2018, the Arbitrator issued an Award that ordered MPD to reinstate the Grievant, with back pay and lost job benefits, and reducing the Grievant's termination to a suspension of sixty (60) days.

On October 18, 2018, MPD filed an arbitration review request (Request) seeking review of the Award. In its Request, MPD argued that the Arbitrator exceeded his jurisdiction. FOP opposed the Request.

The Board found that MPD's Request did not meet the requirements for reversing the Award. Specifically, the Board found that MPD's disagreement with the Arbitrator's findings and conclusions does not constitute grounds for the Board's review. Accordingly, the Board found no cause to modify, set aside, or remand the Award.

Thereafter, MPD filed a Petition for Review in D.C. Superior Court. On August 5, 2020, the Hon. William Jackson entered an order affirming Opinion 1698. MPD did not appeal the denial to the Court of Appeals.

On November 4, 2020, FOP filed the instant Petition for Enforcement. FOP contends the MPD has failed to comply with Opinion 1698 by refusing to reinstate Grievant and provide back pay and benefits as required by the Award. FOP is requesting that the Board enforce Opinion 1698 and compel MPD to comply with the terms of the Award.

### **III. The Union's Entitlement to Relief**

The elements for granting a petition for enforcement are present herein. FOP prevailed at arbitration, and MPD filed an arbitration review request. The Board denied MPD's Request and issued Opinion No. 1698. FOP then filed the instant Petition for Enforcement. MPD has admitted the material facts. MPD has not reinstated Grievant or provided back pay and benefits as required. Therefore, MPD has not complied with the Award.

MPD's failure to comply with the terms of the Award is not based on a genuine dispute over the terms of the Award but is rather a flat refusal to comply with it. It is undisputed that the Board's order affirming the Award became final and that MPD did not comply with the Award after an unsuccessful petition for review to D.C. Superior Court. No dispute over the terms of the Award has been raised and no reason for noncompliance has been suggested. Therefore, the Petition for Enforcement is granted. The Board will seek judicial enforcement of Opinion 1698, as provided under D.C. Official Code § 1-617.13(b).

### **ORDER**

#### **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Fraternal Order of Police/Metropolitan Police Department Labor Committee's petition for enforcement is granted.
2. Within fourteen (14) days from the issuance of this Decision and Order, the Metropolitan Police Department shall fully comply with the terms of the Award, if it has not already

done so, and shall notify the Public Employee Relations Board in writing that it has complied.

3. The Board shall proceed with enforcement of Opinion 1698 pursuant to D.C. Official Code §§ 1-605.02(16) and 1-617.13(b) if full compliance with the Award is not made and documented within fourteen (14) days of the issuance of this Decision and Order.

4. Pursuant to Board Rule 559.1, this Decision and Order is final upon issuance.

**BY ORDER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD**

By unanimous vote of Board Chairperson Douglas Warshof, Members Barbara Somson, Mary Anne Gibbons, and Peter Winkler

Washington, D.C.  
February 18, 2021

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