

CITY OF ATLANTA
CIVIL SERVICE BOARD
FINDINGS OF FACT AND ORDER

APPEAL No. 2020-028AP

Effective Date: November 13, 2020

Hearing Date: June 10, 2021

APPELLANT: **Matthew Abad**

City of Atlanta
Police Department

ADVERSE ACTION:

HEARING OFFICER/BOARD:

3-day Suspension

Suzanne Wynn Ockleberry, Chair

City of Atlanta Representative(s):

Jessica P. Johnson, Esq.
Michael C. Wynter, Esq.

Appellant:

Failed to Appear

STATEMENT OF AUTHORITY

Under the authority and provisions of Chapter 114, Article VI, Division 3, Sections 114-546 through 556 of the Atlanta City Code (“Code”), a hearing in the above-referenced case was held virtually via Zoom, facilitated by the City, pursuant to Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms Executive Order regarding COVID-19, and before the above-named hearing officer of the Atlanta Civil Service Board (“Board”) on the date set forth above.

CHARGES

3 – DAY SUSPENSION for violation of the Atlanta Police Department Work Rule:
4.2.33 – Conformance to Directives

Due to Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms’ Executive Order regarding COVID-19, the appeal of Matthew Abad was called virtually at 2:00 p.m. via the internet platform of Zoom on June 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. The Appellant was not present. The Chair granted the customary fifteen (15) minutes in order to allow the Appellant additional time to make an appearance.

At 2:15 p.m. the case was again called. The Appellant still had not made an appearance at the hearing. The Chair confirmed that the Appellant had been properly noticed regarding the date

and time for the hearing. The City made a motion to dismiss the appeal and affirm the discipline of the Appellant pursuant to the City of Atlanta Civil Service Board Hearing Rules and Procedures (Revised February 1, 2021), Rule 1.0(b).

As there was no evidence in the record of a request for a continuance by the Appellant and there were no objections to the Motion by the City, the Chair dismissed the case as requested. The hearing ended at 2:16 p.m.

DECISION

This appeal is **Dismissed**, as the City's Motion is hereby granted. Therefore, the 3-day suspension of the Appellant without pay is **Affirmed**.

This the 14th day of June, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Wynn Ockleberry

BOARD MEMBER, Chair