

CITY OF ATLANTA  
CIVIL SERVICE BOARD  
**FINDINGS OF FACT AND ORDER**

APPEAL No. 2018-034AP

Effective Date: September 4, 2018

Hearing Date: February 3, 2022

APPELLANT: Richard Powell

City of Atlanta  
Atlanta Police Department

ADVERSE ACTION:  
Two (2) day suspension

HEARING OFFICER/BOARD:  
Suzanne Wynn Ockleberry, Chair

City of Atlanta Representative(s):  
Atty. Joel A.J. Callins

Appellant Representative(s):  
Atty. Ramona Jones, Attorney

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 Andre Dickens January 3, 2022 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.

Due to Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms’ Executive Order regarding COVID-19, the appeal of Richard Powell was called virtually at 10:00 a.m. via the internet platform of Zoom on February 3, 2022. The Appellant was not present. Ms. Jones indicated that Appellant no longer worked for the Atlanta Police Department and she had no contact information for him. The Chair granted the customary fifteen (15) minutes in order to allow the Appellant additional time to make an appearance.

## CHARGES

Two (2) days suspension for violating Atlanta Police Department Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) Work Rule:

### 4.4.6 Safe Driving Techniques

1. Atlanta Police Department personnel shall exercise due caution and exhibit good driving habits when operating all city vehicles and vehicles used for law enforcement purposes.

At 10:15 a.m. the case was again called. The Appellant still had not made an appearance in the hearing. The City made a motion to dismiss the appeal and affirm the employment discipline of for the Appellant. There was no objection by Ms. Jones to the request by the City.

Pursuant to the City of Atlanta Civil Service Board Hearing Rules and Procedures, the Chair dismissed the case as requested. The hearing ended at 10:15 a.m.

## ORDER

The appeal of Richard Powell is **Dismissed with Prejudice**.

This the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

*Suzanne Wynn Ockleberry*

BOARD MEMBER, Chair