## **U.S. District Court** District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00994-RDM

AFGE LOCAL 520 v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS

**AFFAIRS** 

Assigned to: Judge Randolph D. Moss Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act Date Filed: 04/09/2019 Date Terminated: 07/27/2020

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

## **Plaintiff**

**AFGE LOCAL 520** 

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/09/2019	1	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090–6049722) filed by AFGE LOCAL 520. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A – FOIA requests, # 2 Exhibit B – Correspondence, # 3 Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # 4 Summons Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 04/09/2019)
04/09/2019	2	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of AFGE LOCAL 520 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 04/09/2019)
04/11/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Randolph D. Moss. (zef, ) (Entered: 04/11/2019)
04/11/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # 1 Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 04/11/2019)
04/12/2019	4	STANDING ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives set forth in the attached Standing Order. See document for details. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 4/12/2019. (lcrdm2, ) (Entered: 04/12/2019)
05/22/2019	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.(Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 05/22/2019)
05/23/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to appear for an Initial Scheduling Conference on June 11, 2019, at 11:15 a.m. in Courtroom 21. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall confer in advance of the Initial Scheduling Conference on (1) whether any records can be released, and (2) the proper next steps in this litigation. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 5/23/2019. (lcrdm2, ) (Entered: 05/23/2019)
05/23/2019		Set/Reset Hearings: Initial Scheduling Conference set for 6/11/2019, at 11:15 AM, in Courtroom 21, before Judge Randolph D. Moss. (kt) (Entered: 05/23/2019)
05/24/2019	<u>6</u>	Consent MOTION to Continue <i>Initial Scheduling Conference</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 05/24/2019)
05/24/2019	7	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS served on 4/24/2019 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 05/24/2019)
05/24/2019	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 4/22/2019. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 05/24/2019)
05/24/2019	9	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/22/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/22/2019. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 05/24/2019)
05/28/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the consent motion to reschedule the initial scheduling conference, Dkt. 6, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. The initial scheduling conference scheduled for June 11, 2019 is hereby VACATED and RESCHEDULED for August 13, 2019 at 10:15 a.m. in Courtroom 21. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 5/28/2019. (lcrdm2, ) (Entered: 05/28/2019)
05/28/2019		Set/Reset Hearings: The Initial Scheduling Conference set for 6/11/2019 is VACATED and RESCHEDULED for 8/13/2019, at 10:15 AM, in Courtroom 21, before Judge Randolph D. Moss. (kt) (Entered: 05/28/2019)
08/06/2019	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Merrick Jason Wayne on behalf of AFGE LOCAL 520 (Wayne, Merrick) (Entered: 08/06/2019)
08/07/2019	<u>11</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by John Moustakas on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS Substituting for attorney Melanie Hendry

		(Moustakas, John) (Entered: 08/07/2019)
08/09/2019	<u>12</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear by Telephone <i>Unopposed Motion to Conduct Scheduling Conference Telephonically</i> by AFGE LOCAL 520 (Burday, Joshua) (Entered: 08/09/2019)
08/09/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the Plaintiff's unopposed motion to conduct the scheduling conference telephonically, Dkt. 12, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. Plaintiff's counsel may attend the August 13, 2019 conference by telephone. Counsel shall contact the deputy clerk for instructions regarding use of the Court's teleconferencing system. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 08/09/2019. (lcrdm2, ) (Entered: 08/09/2019)
08/13/2019		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Randolph D. Moss: Initial Scheduling Conference held on 8/13/2019. Joint Status Report due by 10/18/2019. (Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint Loth) (kt) (Entered: 08/13/2019)
10/18/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Moustakas, John) (Entered: 10/18/2019)
10/21/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. 13, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file an additional joint status report on or before November 18, 2019, including a recommendation for further proceedings, if any. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 10/21/2019. (lcrdm2, ) (Entered: 10/21/2019)
10/21/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/18/2019. (kt) (Entered: 10/21/2019)
11/18/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AFGE LOCAL 520. (Burday, Joshua) (Entered: 11/18/2019)
11/20/2019		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. 14, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before January 17, 2020. The report shall apprise the Court of the status of the parties' negotiations and include a recommendation for further proceedings, if any. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 11/20/2019. (lcrdm2, ) (Entered: 11/20/2019)
01/17/2020	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AFGE LOCAL 520. (Burday, Joshua) (Entered: 01/17/2020)
01/22/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. 15, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before February 17, 2020, apprising the Court whether the sole remaining issue has been resolved and identifying the proper next steps in this litigation. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 01/22/2020. (lcrdm2, ) (Entered: 01/22/2020)
02/18/2020	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AFGE LOCAL 520. (Burday, Joshua) (Entered: 02/18/2020)
02/19/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. 16, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before March 19, 2020, apprising the Court whether the sole remaining issue has been resolved and identifying the proper next steps in this litigation. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 02/19/2020. (lcrdm2, ) (Entered: 02/19/2020)
02/20/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/19/2020. (kt) (Entered: 02/20/2020)
03/19/2020	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Moustakas, John) (Entered: 03/19/2020)
04/06/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. 17, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before May 18, 2020, unless a stipulation of dismissal is filed before that date. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 04/06/2020. (lcrdm2, ) (Entered: 04/06/2020)
04/06/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/18/2020. (kt) (Entered: 04/06/2020)

05/18/2020	<u>18</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR Joint STATUS REPORT by AFGE LOCAL 520. (Topic, Matthew) Modified on 5/19/2020 (ztd). (Entered: 05/18/2020)
05/19/2020		NOTICE OF ERROR re 18 Status Report; emailed to matt@loevy.com, cc'd 6 associated attorneys — The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Please refile document, 2. If you are electronically filing, your name must appear on the signature line of your document(s). (ztd, ) (Entered: 05/19/2020)
06/02/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby DIRECTED to comply with Clerk's instruction to refile the joint status report, Dkt. 18, which the Clerk found had been entered in error, <i>see</i> Docket Entry (May 19, 2020). Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 06/02/2020. (lcrdm2, ) (Entered: 06/02/2020)
06/03/2020	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AFGE LOCAL 520. (Burday, Joshua) (Entered: 06/03/2020)
06/04/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. 19, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before July 17, 2020, updating the Court as to the status of the matter, unless the parties file a stipulation of dismissal prior to that date. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 06/04/2020. (lcrdm2, ) (Entered: 06/04/2020)
07/22/2020		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' failure to file a joint status report as scheduled on July 17, 2020, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before July 27, 2020. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 7/22/2020. (lcrdm2) (Entered: 07/22/2020)
07/27/2020	<u>20</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by AFGE LOCAL 520. (Burday, Joshua) (Entered: 07/27/2020)
07/27/2020		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' Joint Stipulation of Dismissal with Prejudice, Dkt. <u>20</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the case is DISMISSED with prejudice. The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate this case. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 7/27/2020. (lcrdm2) (Entered: 07/27/2020)