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CAPTION

South Side Area School District, Knoch School District, Beth Ann Rosica, individually and as parent and natural guardian of L.U. and M.U., minors, Aaron Bernstine, individually and as parent and natural guardian of D.B., G.B., Z.B., minors, Jason Saylor, individually, and as a parent and natural guardian of E.S., a minor, Barbara Gleim, individually, Petitioners

v.

Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, Respondent

CASE INFORMATION

Initiating Document: Petition for Review
Case Status: Active
Case Processing Status: October 20, 2025 Awaiting Consideration
Journal Number: 83-12-2025
Case Category: Miscellaneous Case Type(s): Declaratory Judgment

CONSOLIDATED CASES

RELATED CASES

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AGENCY/TRIAL COURT INFORMATION

Order Appealed From: Notice of Appeal Filed:
 Order Type:
 Documents Received: March 6, 2025

Court Below:
 County: Division:
 Judge: OTN:
 Docket Number: Judicial District:

ORIGINAL RECORD CONTENT

Original Record Item	Filed Date	Content Description
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Date of Remand of Record:

BRIEFING SCHEDULE

Petitioner		Respondent	
Bernstine, Aaron		Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission	
Brief		Brief	
Due: October 17, 2025	Filed: October 17, 2025	Due: August 8, 2025	Filed: August 8, 2025
Gleim, Barbara			
Brief			
Due: October 17, 2025	Filed: October 17, 2025		
Knoch School District			
Brief			
Due: October 17, 2025	Filed: October 17, 2025		
Rosica, Beth Ann			
Brief			
Due: October 17, 2025	Filed: October 17, 2025		
Saylor, Jason			
Brief			
Due: October 17, 2025	Filed: October 17, 2025		
South Side Area School District			
Brief			
Due: October 17, 2025	Filed: October 17, 2025		

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March 6, 2025	Petition for Review Filed			
	South Side Area School District		Petitioner	
	Knoch School District		Petitioner	
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	Bernstine, Aaron		Petitioner	
	Saylor, Jason		Petitioner	
	Gleim, Barbara		Petitioner	

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March 10, 2025	Notice Exited Commonwealth Court Filing Office			03/10/2025
March 12, 2025	Certificate of Service Filed			
	King, Thomas W., III	South Side Area School District	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Knoch School District	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Rosica, Beth Ann	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Bernstine, Aaron	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Saylor, Jason	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Gleim, Barbara	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Pasternak, Alexandra	Petitioner	
April 1, 2025	Entry of Appearance			
	Thomson, Aimee Diane	Office of the Governor of the Commc	Respondent	
	Thomson, Aimee Diane	Pennsylvania Human Relations Corr	Respondent	
	Document Name: Attorney Aimee D. Thomson for Respondents			
April 9, 2025	Entry of Appearance			
	Williams, Morgan Gale	Pennsylvania Human Relations Corr	Respondent	
	Document Name: Atty. Williams for Respondent PHRC			
April 9, 2025	Preliminary Objections			
	Thomson, Aimee Diane	Office of the Governor of the Commc	Respondent	
	Thomson, Aimee Diane	Pennsylvania Human Relations Corr	Respondent	
	Document Name: Respondents'			
May 7, 2025	Amended - Petition for Review			
	King, Thomas W., III	South Side Area School District	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Knoch School District	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Rosica, Beth Ann	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Bernstine, Aaron	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Saylor, Jason	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Gleim, Barbara	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Pasternak, Alexandra	Petitioner	
	Document Name: First Amended Petition for Review			
May 22, 2025	Praecipe			
	King, Thomas W., III	South Side Area School District	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Knoch School District	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Rosica, Beth Ann	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Bernstine, Aaron	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Saylor, Jason	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Gleim, Barbara	Petitioner	
	Document Name: Praecipe to Discontinue Office of the Governor			
June 6, 2025	Preliminary Objections			
	Thomson, Aimee Diane	Pennsylvania Human Relations Corr	Respondent	
	Document Name: Respondent's Preliminary Objections to 1st Amended Petition for Review			

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July 1, 2025	Answer to Preliminary Objections			
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	King, Thomas W., III	Knoch School District	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Rosica, Beth Ann	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Bernstine, Aaron	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Saylor, Jason	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Gleim, Barbara	Petitioner	
July 9, 2025	Order Filed			07/09/2025
	Cohn Jubelirer, Renee			
	Document Name: POs directed for argument.			
	Comment: NOW, July 9, 2025, upon review of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission's (Respondent) Preliminary Objections to Petitioners' First Amended Petition for Review, and Petitioners' Answer thereto, Respondent shall file four copies of a brief in support of its Preliminary Objections, and serve one copy of the brief on each other party, no later than August 8, 2025.			
	Petitioners shall file four copies of a brief in opposition to Respondent's Preliminary Objections, and serve one copy of the brief on Respondent, within 30 days of service of Respondent's brief. Any reply brief shall be filed and served pursuant to Pa.R.A.P. 2185. Following submission of the aforementioned briefs, the Prothonotary is directed to list the matter on the next available argument list.			
July 31, 2025	Application for Summary Relief			
	King, Thomas W., III	South Side Area School District	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Knoch School District	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Rosica, Beth Ann	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Bernstine, Aaron	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Saylor, Jason	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Gleim, Barbara	Petitioner	
	Document Name: Petitioners' Application for Summary Relief Pursuant to Rule 1532 of Rules of Appellate Procedure			
July 31, 2025	Exhibit			
	King, Thomas W., III	South Side Area School District	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Knoch School District	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Rosica, Beth Ann	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Bernstine, Aaron	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Saylor, Jason	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Gleim, Barbara	Petitioner	
	Document Name: Exhibits to Petitioners' 7/31/25 Application for Summary Relief			
August 8, 2025	Application for Summary Relief			
	Thomson, Aimee Diane	Pennsylvania Human Relations Corr	Respondent	
	Document Name: Respondent's Cross Application for Summary Relief			
August 8, 2025	Respondent's Brief Filed			
	Thomson, Aimee Diane	Pennsylvania Human Relations Corr	Respondent	
	Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission		Respondent	
	Document Name: Brief in Support of POs and in Opposition to SR			

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August 22, 2025	Answer to Application for Relief King, Thomas W., III King, Thomas W., III King, Thomas W., III King, Thomas W., III King, Thomas W., III King, Thomas W., III	South Side Area School District Knoch School District Rosica, Beth Ann Bernstine, Aaron Saylor, Jason Gleim, Barbara	Petitioner Petitioner Petitioner Petitioner Petitioner Petitioner	
Document Name: Petitioner's Response to Respondent's Cross-Application for Summary Relief				
September 19, 2025	Order Filed Wojcik, Michael H.			09/19/2025
Document Name: Petitioners shall file a single brief by 10-17-25				
Comment: NOW, September 19, 2025, by the Court's Order of July 9, 2025, a briefing schedule was established on the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission's (Respondent) Preliminary Objections to Petitioners' First Amended Petition for Review, and Petitioners' Answer thereto. On August 8, 2025, Respondent filed an omnibus brief in support of its Preliminary Objections, in opposition to Petitioners' Application for Summary Relief, and in support of Respondent's Cross Application for Summary Relief. Petitioners have not yet filed a brief in opposition to the Preliminary Objections as directed in the July 9, 2025 Order. Accordingly, no later than October 17, 2025, Petitioners shall file four copies of a single brief in opposition to Respondent's Preliminary Objections, in support of Petitioners' Application for Summary Relief, and in opposition to Respondent's Cross Application for Summary Relief, and serve on Respondent one copy of the brief. Any reply brief shall be filed and served pursuant to Pa.R.A.P. 2185. Following submission of the aforementioned brief(s), the Prothonotary is directed to list the Preliminary Objections and the parties' respective Applications for Summary Relief on the next available argument list				
September 29, 2025	Tentative Session Date Krimmel, Michael			
Document Name: December 2025 (Harrisburg)				
October 17, 2025	Petitioner's Brief Filed South Side Area School District Knoch School District Rosica, Beth Ann Bernstine, Aaron Saylor, Jason Gleim, Barbara		Petitioner Petitioner Petitioner Petitioner Petitioner Petitioner	
Document Name: Brief in Opposition to POs and SR and in Support of Their SR				
November 7, 2025	Argument Scheduled Krimmel, Michael			
Document Name: WEDNESDAY, December 10, 2025, 9:30 AM (En Banc), CR 5001, PA Judicial Center, 601 Commonwealth Ave., Harrisburg, PA Comment: No. 83 on the list.				
November 7, 2025	Letter Krimmel, Michael			
Document Name: Letter to Counsel requesting add'l paper copies of documents previously filed due by 11/26/25				

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November 17, 2025	Order Filed Per Curiam			11/17/2025
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Document Name: 40 Minutes shall be set aside for argument in this matter, each side having 20 Minutes

Comment: NOW, November 17, 2025, upon consideration that the oral argument in this matter will encompass the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission's (Respondent) Preliminary Objections (POs) to the First Amended Petition for Review (Petition) filed by Petitioners, as well as Petitioners' and Respondent's Cross-Applications for Summary Relief on the Petition, it is hereby ORDERED that 40 minutes shall be set aside for the argument in this matter. Both parties shall have 20 minutes to present their arguments, with Respondent arguing first, followed by Petitioners. Both parties may present rebuttal argument, if wanted, which will be subtracted from their 20 minutes of total time.

December 22, 2025	Application for Relief			
	King, Thomas W., III	South Side Area School District	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Knoch School District	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Rosica, Beth Ann	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Bernstine, Aaron	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Saylor, Jason	Petitioner	
	King, Thomas W., III	Gleim, Barbara	Petitioner	

Document Name: Application for Leave to Submit Letter Addressing Issue Raised by Court during Oral Argument

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January 12, 2026	Order Granting Application for Relief Wolf, Matthew S.			01/12/2026

Document Name: Petitioners' Letter Addressing Issues Raised in Oral Argument is Due by Feb. 10, 2026 /See Order

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	Comment: AND NOW, this 12th day of January, 2026, upon consideration of Petitioners' Application for Leave to Submit Letter Addressing Issue Raised by the Court During Oral Argument Pursuant to Rule 2501(a) of the Pennsylvania Rules [of] Appellate Procedure (Application), to which no response has been filed, the Application is GRANTED. Petitioners shall file and serve a letter on or before February 2, 2026. Respondent may file and serve a response, if they so choose, by February 10, 2026.1			
	1 Because oral argument is not transcribed, and to clarify the issues raised at oral argument for the good of the parties and the public, the undersigned lists the quotation issues within Petitioners' brief that were brought to attention at the December 2025 en banc session.			
	Petitioners' Brief Page #			
	Words Quoted in Brief			
	Accompanying Citation for Quotation			
	Issue			
	11-12			
	"the hardship of compliance" and "risk of enforcement"			
	Arsenal Coal v. Commonwealth, 505 Pa. 198, 477 A.2d 1333 (1984).			
	These quoted phrases could not be located in the cited case.			
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	"negatively affects"			
	Pittsburgh Palisades Park, LLC v. Commonwealth, 585 Pa. 196, 888 A.2d 655 (2005).			
	This phrase could not be located in the cited case.			
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	"invite prosecution"			
	Firearm Owners Against Crime v. Cit of Harrisburg, 218 A.3d 497, 511-16 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2019) (en banc).			
	This phrase could not be located in the cited case.			
	25-26			
	"in connection with the execution and administration of a law to an independent agency or an executive branch agency where the General Assembly first establishes primary standards and imposes upon others the duty to carry out the declared legislative policy in accordance with the general provisions of the enabling legislation."			
	Blackwell, 567 A.2d at 637.			
	This quoted language could not be located in the cited case.			
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	"the legislation must contain adequate standards which will guide and restrain the exercise of the delegated administrative functions."			
	Blackwell, 567 A.2d at 637; citing Gilligan v. Pa. Horse Racing Commission, 422 A.2d 487, 489 (Pa. 1980).			
	This quoted language could not be located in the cited case.			
	40-41			
	"the impact of the regulation as applied to the challenger is direct and immediate,"			
	Arsenal Coal Co., 477 A.2d 1333 at 1338-39.			
	This quoted language could not be located in the cited case.			
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	"may not, under the guise of interpretation, enlarge a statute or engraft additional substantive requirements not included by the General Assembly."			
	Bayada Nurses, Inc. v. Dep't of Labor & Indus., 8 A.3d 866, 880 (Pa. 2010).			
	This quoted language could not be located in the cited case.			
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	"expressly granted by the Legislature, together with those necessarily implied" Popowsky v. Pa. Pub. Util. Comm'n, 706 A.2d 1197, 1201-02 (Pa. 1997). This quote could not be located in the cited case. 42			
	"fill in the details" and "adequate standards and safeguards" Protz v. Workers' Comp. Appeal Bd. (Derry Area Sch. Dist.), 161 A.3d 827, 834-39 (Pa. 2017). These quoted phrases could not be located in the cited case. 42			
	"frustrates legislative intent" and "inconsistent with the statute," Germantown Cab Co. v. Phila. Parking Auth., 206 A.3d 1030, 1040-41 (Pa. 2019). These quoted phrases could not be located in the cited case.			

February 2, 2026

Letter			
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Document Name: As Directed in Jan. 12, 2026 Order

February 10, 2026

Answer Filed			
Thomson, Aimee Diane	Pennsylvania Human Relations Corr Respondent		

Document Name: Response to Letter Filed 2-2-26

SESSION INFORMATION

Journal Number: 83-12-2025
 Consideration Type: En Banc Argument
 Listed/Submitted Date: December 10, 2025