

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE GRIEVANCE OF: Jeremy Baker v. Department of Corrections	ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONTINUE HEARING
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This matter came before the Hearing Officer for Further Prehearing Conference on November 7, 2022. Appearing at the telephonic conference were Laura Rowe, Robert Anderson on behalf of the Department of Corrections, and Jeremy Baker appearing pro se. The purpose of the conference was to address recent witness availability issues in advance of the hearing November 9, 2022.

During the hearing, both Mr. Anderson and Mr. Baker were in agreement, and jointly requested the hearing officer continue the November 9 hearing to another date - preferably sometime in January 2023. The bases for the continuance are (1) to allow a necessary witness who is now unavailable to be subpoenaed due to changing her state of residence to appear and testify via Zoom or other video conference link at a future hearing; and (2) to allow two key Department of Corrections personnel to appear without interfering with other responsibilities that have arisen for them on November 9, 2022.

The oral motion of the parties to continue the proceeding is GRANTED. The parties will coordinate a date for the new hearing with the Hearing Officer via email.

Dated: November 7, 2022

/s/ Laura C. Rowe
Laura C. Rowe
Hearing Officer