

March 8, 2022

Sam Stecklow

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Stecklow:

This is to acknowledge that Parkland College District No. 505 is in receipt of your *Freedom of Information Act* (FOIA) request submitted on March 1, 2022, for “a copy of the employment contract, application, background investigation at time of hire, and any personnel complaints that may have been filed regarding instructor R.T. Finney.”

Parkland College’s Response:

The college has attached a .PDF document totaling fourteen (14) pages that contains Mr. Finney’s application materials and background investigation at the time of hire. Personal information, such as phone numbers and social security numbers, have been redacted pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c).

Parkland part-time faculty do not have individual employment contracts. During the fall 2021 semester, due to his course load at that time, Mr. Finney was covered under the Parkland College Part-Time Faculty Organization collective bargaining agreement. This agreement is available on the college’s website at the following link:

<https://www.parkland.edu/Portals/3/Board%20of%20Trustees/Contracts/PTFO%20Contract%20AY22-AY24.pdf?ver=13Ykx3XJopRSuYTrtIUQ%3d%3d>

The college does not have in its possession any personnel complaints that are responsive to your request.

As Vice President for Communications and External Affairs, I am responsible for granting and denying the requests for records under the *Freedom of Information Act*. Please be aware that this response to your request is pursuant to my understanding of your FOIA request. If I have misunderstood your request, please let me know as soon as possible so I may provide the correct information.

Finally, if you believe that this response constitutes a denial of your request, you have the right to have this response reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor  
Office of the Attorney General  
500 South 2nd Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62706  
Fax: 217-782-1396

E-mail: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us)

You also have the right to seek judicial review of this response by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the Public Access Counselor or State court, you will need to include a copy of this letter for the review.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Stephanie L. Stuart  
Vice President for Communications and External Affairs

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