



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Arbitration Panel Decisions under the Randolph-Sheppard Act

AGENCY: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative
Services, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists arbitration panel decisions
under the Randolph-Sheppard Act issued from April 1, 2020
to July 31, 2020. This notice also lists any older
decisions that the Department of Education (Department) has
made publicly available in accessible electronic format
during that period. All decisions are available on the
Department's website and by request.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For the purpose of providing
individuals who are blind with remunerative employment,
enlarging their economic opportunities, and stimulating
greater efforts to make themselves self-supporting, the
Randolph-Sheppard Act, 20 U.S.C. 107 et seq. (Act),
authorizes individuals who are blind to operate vending

facilities on Federal property and provides them with a priority for doing so. The vending facilities include, among other things, cafeterias, snack bars, and automatic vending machines. The Department administers the Act and designates an agency in each State--the State licensing agency (SLA)--to license individuals who are blind to operate vending facilities on Federal and other property in the State.

The Act provides for arbitration of disputes between SLAs and vendors who are blind and between SLAs and Federal agencies before three-person panels, convened by the Department, whose decisions constitute final agency action. 20 U.S.C. 107d-1. The Act also makes these decisions matters of public record and requires their publication in the *Federal Register*. 20 U.S.C. 107d-2(c).

The Department publishes lists of Randolph-Sheppard Act arbitration panel decisions in the *Federal Register* and the full text of the decisions listed are available on the Department's website (see below) or by request (see 84 FR 41941). Older, archived decisions are also added to the Department's website as they are digitized.

In the second quarter of 2020, Randolph-Sheppard arbitration panels issued the following decisions.

Case Name	Docket No.	Date	State
Illinois v. The Department of Energy	R-S/16-12	4/30/2020	Illinois

Case Name	Docket No.	Date	State
Oklahoma v. the Department of the Army, Fort Sill	R-S/18-09	6/22/2020	Oklahoma

These decisions and other decisions that we have already posted are searchable by key terms, are accessible under Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, and are available in Portable Document Format (PDF) on the Department's website at www.ed.gov/programs/rsarsp/arbitration-decisions.html or by request to the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

At the same site, we have posted the following older, archived decision from 2019.

Case Name	Docket No.	Date	State
The Florida Department of Education, Division of Blind Services v. The Department of the Air Force, Hurlburt Field	R-S/17-03	6/13/2019	Florida

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Mark Schultz,
*Delegated the authority to perform
the functions and duties of the
Assistant Secretary
for the Office of Special
Education and Rehabilitative
Services.*

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