

Statement of Reasons
for Dismissing the Complaint of a Member
Concerning the Trusteeship Imposed on
American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) Local 2798
on October 22, 2015, in Washington, D.C.

The Department of Labor (Department) received a complaint alleging violations of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (CSRA) and the Department's regulations at 29 C.F.R. §§ 458.26-28, concerning the trusteeship that the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) imposed over AFGE Local 2798 in Washington, D.C., on October 22, 2015.

Department regulations at 29 C.F.R. § 458.26 provide that a parent body may establish and administer a trusteeship over a subordinate body only in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the organization which has assumed the trusteeship over the subordinate body. As a result of the Department's investigation of the complaint, the Department concluded, with respect to the specific allegation, that the trustee had not directed and administered the affairs of AFGE Local 2798 in accordance with the AFGE Constitution, in violation of 29 C.F.R. § 458.26. By a letter to National President J. David Cox dated December 5, 2016, the Department requested that the trusteeship AFGE imposed over AFGE Local 2798 be brought into compliance with the AFGE Constitution.

On March 6, 2017, an election of AFGE Local 2798 officers was conducted for the purpose of terminating the trusteeship. A runoff election was conducted April 14, 2017, for the offices of president and chief steward. It appears that the autonomy otherwise available to AFGE Local 2798 under the AFGE Constitution and the local's bylaws has been restored.

We are closing our file on this matter.