

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

M.C. MOORE, ET AL.

CIVIL ACTION

VERSUS

NO. 65-15556

TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD, ET AL.

SECTION "B"(1)

ORDER

Considering "Plaintiffs' Objection to Court Compliance Officer's Recommendation in re Director of Transportation Position" (Rec. Doc. 1500) and "Plaintiffs' Motion for Evidentiary Hearing and Further Relief" (Rec. Doc. 1501),

IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiffs' objection (Rec. Doc. 1500) is **OVERRULED**; and the Court Compliance Officer's (CCO) findings are **AFFIRMED**. A district court reviews a special master's conclusions of law de novo. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 53(f) (4). Here, the CCO concluded that Kim Notariano lacked standing to bring a complaint under the court orders regarding staff hiring. See Rec. Doc. 1500- 1 at 2 (referring to Rec. Doc. 866). The CCO relied on an earlier Fifth Circuit decision in this case, which held that non-parties lack standing to challenge "arbitrary or politically-inspired employment decisions" because such challenges "in no way implicate[] the same constitutional guarantees which require the establishment and maintenance of a racially-neutral, unitary school system," *Moore v. Tangipahoa Par. Sch. Bd.*, 625 F.2d 33, 35 (5th Cir. 1980). See Rec. Doc. 1500-1 at 2. The CCO's conclusion was correct because Mrs. Notariano's

complaint alleges that the school board is retaliating against her for past complaints and discriminating on the basis of gender. See Rec. Doc. 1500-2 at 4-5.

Such allegations do not create standing in the above-captioned matter because they do not involve the constitutional interests addressed by the Court's staff hiring orders. See *Moore*, 625 F.2d at 35; Rec. Doc. 866.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the motion for an evidentiary hearing (Rec. Doc. 1501) is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 9th day of January, 2018.


SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE