

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
BEAUFORT DIVISION

Jennifer Semon Nole,)	
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Plaintiff,)	Civil Action No. 9:20-cv-2442-TMC
)	
vs.)	
)	
Kilolo Kijakazi ¹ , Commissioner of)	ORDER
Social Security Administration,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
_____)	

Plaintiff Jennifer Semon Nole brought this action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), seeking judicial review of a final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security (“Commissioner”) denying her claim for Disability Insurance Benefits under Title II and Supplemental Security Income under Title XVI of the Social Security Act (“SSA”). (ECF No. 1). In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Local Civil Rule 73.02(B)(2)(a), D.S.C., this matter was referred to a magistrate judge for pretrial handling. The magistrate judge issued a thorough and detailed Report and Recommendation (“Report”) recommending that the court reverse and remand the decision of the Commissioner for further administrative proceedings. (ECF No. 43 at 21). The Commissioner subsequently filed notice that she did not intend to file objections to the Report. (ECF No. 45).

The purpose of magistrate review is to conserve judicial resources. *United States v. Midgette*, 478 F.3d 616, 622 (4th Cir. 2007). Nonetheless, the recommendations set forth in the Report have no presumptive weight, and this court remains responsible for making a final determination in this matter. *Wimmer v. Cook*, 774 F.2d 68, 72 (4th Cir. 1985) (quoting *Mathews*

¹ On July 9, 2021, Kilolo Kijakazi was named the Acting Commissioner of Social Security. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(d), she is automatically substituted as the defendant in this action. *See also* 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) (providing that action survives regardless of any change in the person acting as the Commissioner of Social Security).

v. Weber, 423 U.S. 261, 270–71 (1976)). The court is charged with making a *de novo* determination of those portions of the Report to which a specific objection is made, and the court may accept, reject, modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation of the magistrate judge or recommit the matter with instructions. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). The court need only review for clear error “those portions which are not objected to—including those portions to which only ‘general and conclusory’ objections have been made.” *Dunlap v. TM Trucking of the Carolinas, LLC*, 288 F. Supp. 3d 654, 662 (D.S.C. 2017).

In light of the Commissioner’s express notice that she does not object to the Report, the court’s review is only for clear error. Having carefully reviewed the record and the thorough Report of the magistrate judge, the court finds no clear error in the Report and incorporates it herein. (ECF No. 43). The court, therefore, **ADOPTS** the recommendation of the magistrate judge that the decision of the Commissioner be remanded for further administrative proceedings. Accordingly, the Commissioner’s decision is **REVERSED**, and this action is **REMANDED** to the Commissioner for further administrative proceedings pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), for the reasons set forth in the Report and incorporated herein. The Clerk of Court is directed to enter a final judgment by separate order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Timothy M. Cain
United States District Judge

November 17, 2021
Anderson, South Carolina