



UNITED STATES
CIVILIAN BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS

October 17, 2024

CBCA 8230-RELO

In the Matter of MICHAEL M.

Michael M., Claimant.

Yubicela Robinson, Civilian Personnel Officer, 86th Force Support Squadron, 86th Airlift Wing, Department of the Air Force, APO Area Europe, appearing for Department of the Air Force.

GOODMAN, Board Judge.

Claimant is a civilian employee of the Department of Defense (agency). He asks the Board to review the agency's denial of his request for release from his tour of duty pursuant to his transportation agreement (TA). The Board does not have authority to review the agency's decision.

Background

In October 2024, the agency denied claimant's request for release from his TA, stating that the request failed to show acceptable reasons and documentation for release from a tour of duty in accordance with Joint Travel Regulation (JTR) 054912, which lists acceptable reasons for release from a tour of duty. JTR 054912 (Sept. 2024). The agency stated that claimant had not served thirty-six months at his current duty station, as required by the TA, and advised claimant that he could "seek further redress" by appealing to the Board.

Discussion

Board Rule 401 defines the scope of our authority to review agency decisions arising from official travel and relocation of federal employees:

(a) **Authority.** These procedures govern the Board’s resolution of claims by Federal civilian employees for certain travel or relocation expenses. 31 U.S.C. 3702 vests the authority to settle these claims in the Administrator of General Services, who has re delegated that function to the Civilian Board of Contract Appeals. The requirements contained in 31 U.S.C. 3702 . . . apply to the Board’s review of these claims.

(b) **Types of claims.** These procedures are applicable to the review of two types of claims made against the United States by federal civilian employees:

(1) Claims for reimbursement of expenses incurred while on official temporary duty travel; and

(2) Claims for reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with relocation to a new duty station.

Rule 401 (48 CFR 6104.401 (2023)).

Claimant does not claim to have incurred expenses for official duty travel or relocation. We do not have authority to review the agency’s denial of claimant’s request for release from his TA.

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Board Judge