

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
WEST VIRGINIA

Justin B. v. Frank Bisignano, Commissioner of Social Security

Justin B. · No. 2:25-cv-00162 · Decided January 5, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia adopted the magistrate judge’s proposed findings and recommendation in a Social Security disability-benefits action. The court denied the plaintiff’s request to reverse the Commissioner’s decision, granted the Commissioner’s request to affirm, affirmed the final decision, and dismissed the action.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia
DECIDED	January 5, 2026
DOCKET	2:25-cv-00162
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Action for judicial review of the Commissioner of Social Security's final decision. The matter was referred to a magistrate judge for proposed findings and recommendation; after neither party filed timely objections, the district court adopted the recommendation, affirmed the Commissioner's decision, and dismissed the action.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	When no party timely objects to a magistrate judge's proposed findings and recommendation under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B), the district court is not required to conduct de novo or any other review of the unobjected-to factual or legal conclusions.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished
PARTIES	Justin B. v. Frank Bisignano, Commissioner of Social Security

TOPICS

- judicial review of agency action
- administrative law
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court was required to conduct de novo or other review of the magistrate judge's proposed findings and recommendation when neither party timely objected.
2. Whether the court should adopt the magistrate judge's recommendation, affirm the Commissioner's final decision, and dismiss the action.

HOLDINGS

1. A district court is not required to conduct de novo or any other review of the factual or legal conclusions in portions of a magistrate judge's proposed findings and recommendation to which no timely objection is made.
2. The plaintiff's request to reverse the Commissioner's decision was denied, the Commissioner's request to affirm was granted, the Commissioner's final decision was affirmed, and the action was dismissed.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"The Court is not required to review, under a de novo or any other standard, the factual or legal conclusions of the magistrate judge as to those portions of the findings or recommendation to which no objections are addressed."

"Accordingly, the Court ADOPTS and incorporates herein the findings and recommendation of the Magistrate Judge as contained in the Proposed Findings and Recommendation, and ORDERS that the Plaintiffs request to reverse the Commissioner's decision (Document 5) be DENIED, the Commissioner's request to affirm his decision (Document 6) be GRANTED, the final decision of the Commissioner be AFFIRMED, and this action be DISMISSED from the Court's docket."

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Justin B. brought an action seeking reversal of the Commissioner of Social Security's final decision. The magistrate judge recommended affirming the Commissioner's decision and dismissing the action. Neither party filed timely objections to that recommendation.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The magistrate judge recommended denying the plaintiff's request to reverse the Commissioner's decision, granting the Commissioner's request for affirmance, affirming the final decision, and dismissing the case. Neither party timely objected. The district court adopted and incorporated the recommendation, affirmed the Commissioner's decision, and dismissed the action.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 149-50 (1985)
- Camby v. Davis, 718 F.2d 198, 199 (4th Cir. 1983)

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