

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF
PENNSYLVANIA

Poff v. Commissioner of Social Security

No. 3:25-CV-00308 (M.D. Pa. Mar. 10, 2026) · No. 3:25-CV-00308 · Decided March 10, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania adopted a magistrate judge’s Report and Recommendation concerning Nicole L. Poff’s challenge to the denial of disability insurance benefits and supplemental security income benefits. The court affirmed the Commissioner of Social Security’s decision, entered judgment for the defendant, and directed the clerk to close the case.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Matthew W. Brann
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
DECIDED	March 10, 2026
DOCKET	3:25-CV-00308
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Poff sought judicial review of the Commissioner's denial of disability insurance benefits and supplemental security income benefits. The magistrate judge recommended affirmance, and the district court reviewed and adopted that recommendation after no timely objections were filed.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	When no timely objection is made to a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation, the district court reviews the recommendation for clear error, while retaining authority to accept, reject, or modify the recommendation. The Commissioner's decision is upheld if supported by substantial evidence.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished
PARTIES	Nicole L. Poff v. Commissioner of Social Security

TOPICS

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

PRACTICE AREAS

Social Security

administrative law

civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation should be adopted when no timely objections were filed.
2. Whether the Commissioner's denial of disability insurance benefits and supplemental security income benefits was supported by substantial evidence.

HOLDINGS

1. The district court may review the magistrate judge's recommendation for clear error and, finding no error, may adopt the recommendation.
2. The Commissioner's decision denying Poff's claim for disability insurance benefits and supplemental security income benefits is supported by substantial evidence and is affirmed.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"Upon review of the record, the Court finds no error in Magistrate Judge Caraballo's conclusion that the Commissioner's decision is supported by substantial evidence." (Order)

"The Commissioner's decision is AFFIRMED;" (Order)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Nicole L. Poff applied for disability insurance benefits and supplemental security income benefits. The Commissioner of Social Security denied her claim, and Poff filed an action seeking judicial review of that denial.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On January 13, 2026, Magistrate Judge Phillip J. Caraballo issued a Report and Recommendation recommending that the Commissioner's decision be affirmed. No timely objections were filed. The district court reviewed the recommendation for clear error, found no error, adopted the Report and Recommendation, affirmed the Commissioner's decision, entered final judgment for the Commissioner, and closed the case.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- *Henderson v. Carlson*, 812 F.2d 874, 878 (3d Cir. 1987)

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