

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF
PENNSYLVANIA

Rachel Rebecca Yohn v. Commissioner of Social Security

Yohn · No. 1:25-CV-00543 · Decided March 10, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania reviewed objections to a magistrate judge’s Report and Recommendation in a Social Security disability benefits action. The court overruled the objections, adopted the Report and Recommendation, affirmed the Commissioner’s decision, entered judgment for the defendant under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), and directed that the case be closed.

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	1:25-CV-00543
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Yohn sought judicial review of the Acting Commissioner of Social Security's denial of her claim for disability benefits and objected to a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation recommending affirmance.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The district court reviewed the objected-to portions of the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation de novo under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1), and reviewed the Commissioner's decision to determine whether it was supported by substantial evidence.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished district court order; precedential status not stated in the source.
PARTIES	Rachel Rebecca Yohn v. Commissioner of Social Security

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

Social Security

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court should adopt the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation after de novo review of Yohn's objections.
2. Whether the Commissioner's denial of disability benefits was supported by substantial evidence and adequately explained to permit meaningful judicial review.

HOLDINGS

1. When timely objections are made, the district court must conduct a de novo determination of the portions of the Report and Recommendation to which objection is made; the court may accept, reject, or modify the magistrate judge's findings or recommendations.
2. The Commissioner's decision was supported by substantial evidence, and the ALJ's explanation, considered in the context of the overall discussion of the evidence, was sufficient to permit meaningful judicial review.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"Upon de novo review of the record, the Court finds no error in Magistrate Judge Camoni's conclusion that, as a whole, the Commissioner's decision is supported by substantial evidence."

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Acting Commissioner denied Yohn's claim for Social Security disability benefits. Yohn argued that the Administrative Law Judge inadequately explained the rejection of certain evidence and that the decision was not supported by substantial evidence. The district court acknowledged significant evidence supporting disability but found sufficient contrary evidence and an adequate explanation to permit meaningful judicial review.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Yohn filed an action seeking review of the Commissioner's denial of Social Security disability benefits. Magistrate Judge Sean A. Camoni recommended affirming the Commissioner's decision. After Yohn filed timely objections, the district court conducted de novo review of the challenged portions of the Report and Recommendation, adopted it, affirmed the Commissioner's decision, entered final judgment for the Commissioner, and closed the case.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- Equal Emp't Opportunity Comm'n v. City of Long Branch, 866 F.3d 93, 99 (3d Cir. 2017)

OPINION

Yohn

PER CURIAM.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

RACHEL REBECCA YOHN, No. 1:25-CV-00543

Plaintiff, (Chief Judge Brann) v. (Magistrate Judge Camoni)

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL

SECURITY,

Defendant.

ORDER

MARCH 10, 2026

Rachel Rebecca Yohn filed this action seeking review of a decision of the Acting Commissioner of Social Security (“Commissioner”) denying Yohn’s claim for social security disability benefits.¹ In January 2026, Magistrate Judge Sean A. Camoni issued a Report and Recommendation recommending that this Court affirm the Commissioner’s decision.² Yohn has filed timely objections to the Report and Recommendation.³ In her objections, Yohn contends that Magistrate Judge Camoni erred in recommending that the Commissioner’s decision was supported by substantial evidence, as the

1 Docs. 1, 16.

2 Doc. 20.

Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) failed to adequately explain why he rejected certain evidence.⁴ “If a party objects timely to a magistrate judge’s report and recommendation, the district court must ‘make a de novo determination of those portions of the report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made.’”⁵ Regardless of whether timely objections are made, district courts may accept, reject, or modify—in whole or in part—the magistrate judge’s findings or recommendations.⁶ Upon de novo review of the record, the Court finds no error in Magistrate Judge Camoni’s conclusion that, as a whole, the Commissioner’s decision is supported by substantial evidence. The ALJ’s explanation of his decision— particularly when accounting for his overall discussion of the evidence—was sufficient to afford meaningful judicial review. Moreover, while there is significant evidence supporting Yohn’s claim of disability, there is also sufficient evidence supporting the ALJ’s determination that she is not disabled. While the Court may have reached a different decision if presented with these facts in the first instance, it must conclude that the Commissioner’s decision is supported by substantial evidence. Consequently, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that: 4 *Id.* 5 *Equal Emp’t Opportunity Comm’n v. City of Long Branch*, 866 F.3d 93, 99 (3d Cir. 2017) (quoting 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)). 6 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Local Rule 72.31.

1. Magistrate Judge Sean A. Camoni’s Report and Recommendation

(Doc. 20) is ADOPTED;

2. The Commissioner's decision is AFFIRMED;

3. Final Judgment is entered in favor of Defendant and against Yohn pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 58 and sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g); and

4. The Clerk of Court is directed to CLOSE this case.

BY THE COURT: s/ Matthew W. Brann Matthew W. Brann Chief United States District Judge