OPINION SUMMARY
MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

DIVISION FOUR

JOSHUA LASLEY,	)	No. ED112661
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Respondent,	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court of
	)	St. Louis County
vs.	)	
	)	Honorable Ellen H. Ribaudo
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, ET AL.,	)	
	)	
Appellants.	)	Filed: March 4, 2025

St. Louis County, the St. Louis County Board of Police Commissioners, and Commissioners Thomasina Hassler, Brian Ashworth, Richard Banks, and Michelle Schwerin (collectively, the "Board") appeal the trial court's issuance of a permanent writ of prohibition. The writ prohibited the Board from delegating its duty to hear Joshua Lasley's ("Lasley") disciplinary appeal to a hearing officer. The Board raises two points on appeal. In Point I, the Board contends the trial court erred in issuing a permanent writ of prohibition because the St. Louis County Charter (the "Charter") does not require disciplinary appeal hearings to be heard before the Board. Specifically, the Board contends the Charter and the St. Louis County Ordinance authorize the Board "to establish its own rules and procedures for police disciplinary matters." In Point II, the Board contends the trial court erred in denying its motion to dismiss because the issue in the underlying case was moot after the St. Louis County Chief of Police rescinded Lasley's disciplinary citation.

AFFIRMED.

DIVISION IV HOLDS: Regarding Point I, this Court holds the Board does not have explicit authority to delegate its duty to hear disciplinary appeals to a hearing officer. As to Point II, this Court holds the matter is not moot as there is still a justiciable controversy. Accordingly, the trial court's judgment is affirmed.

Opinion by: Michael S. Wright, J.
John P. Torbitzky, P.J. and Robert M. Clayton III, J. concur.

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