

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER

ALI TALEBINEJAD,)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	8 U.S.C. § 1324b Proceeding
)	OCAHO Case No. 2023B00002
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MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF)	
TECHNOLOGY,)	
Respondent.)	
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Appearances: John J. McGivney, Esq., and David B. Stanhill, Esq., for Complainant
Antonio Morello, Esq., Leon Rodriguez, Esq., and Edward North, Esq., for
Respondent

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF
REFERRAL TO SETTLEMENT OFFICER PROGRAM

On March 12, 2025, the Court issued an order granting the parties' request for a second referral to the Settlement Officer Program. Talebinejad v. MIT, 17 OCAHO no. 1464g (2025).¹ The order provides for a referral period lasting from March 17 to April 17, 2025, and notes that "[d]uring the referral period, these proceedings will remain stayed." Id. at 2.

On April 14, 2025, the Settlement Officer sent an email to the undersigned requesting an extension of the referral period to allow Complainant to resolve an issue related to his representation before continuing with the negotiations.

OCAHO's Practice Manual provides that "with the consent of the parties, the settlement officer may, in his or her discretion, seek to extend the time period for negotiations [in the Settlement Officer Program] for a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed an additional thirty (30) days," and that such approval should be sought from the presiding ALJ. OCAHO Practice

¹ Citations to OCAHO precedents in bound volumes one through eight include the volume and case number of the particular decision followed by the specific page in the bound volume where the decision begins; the pinpoint citations which follow are to the pages, seriatim, of the specific entire volume. Pinpoint citations to OCAHO precedents after volume eight, where the decision has not yet been reprinted in a bound volume, are to pages within the original issuances; the beginning page number of an unbound case will always be 1 and is accordingly omitted from the citation. Published decisions may be accessed through the Westlaw database "FIM OCAHO," the LexisNexis database "OCAHO," and on the United States Department of Justice's website: <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/office-of-the-chief-administrative-hearing-officer-decisions>.

Manual, Ch. 4.7(b)(4)(B). Because this procedure has been followed, and the undersigned finds that such an extension is appropriate, the request is granted and the referral period shall be extended for 30 days, until May 19, 2025. All deadlines in this matter will be stayed for the duration of the referral period.

SO ORDERED.

Dated and entered on April 16, 2025.

Honorable John A. Henderson
Administrative Law Judge