

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION COURT
CHICAGO IMMIGRATION COURT**

**STANDING ORDER 21-02 OF THE CHICAGO IMMIGRATION COURT
REGARDING EOIR POLICY MEMORANDUM 21-25**

On June 11, 2021, EOIR issued Policy Memorandum (“PM”) 21-25, *Effect of Department of Homeland Security Enforcement Priorities*, accessible [here](#). Pursuant to this PM, the Court will ask the parties whether a case remains a removal priority for the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) and whether DHS, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), attorneys intend to exercise some form of prosecutorial discretion. The Court will also consider the respondent’s position on these matters and use its judicial resources to resolve cases that remain in dispute. Accordingly, the Court issues the following STANDING ORDER:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties confer regarding whether the case remains a removal priority for ICE and whether ICE intends to exercise its prosecutorial discretion in advance of any scheduled hearing. If upon review of the respondent’s request, DHS’ counsel determines that the respondent is not an enforcement priority and the parties are amenable to a resolution in the case, **the parties shall file a joint or unopposed motion detailing the agreed upon resolution no later than thirty (30) days in advance of any scheduled Master or Individual hearing.**

Nothing in this Standing Order should be construed as limiting an Immigration Judge’s authority to manage his or her docket or set deadlines in his or her discretion.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: July 22, 2021

**Sheila McNulty
Regional Deputy Chief Immigration Judge**