

IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL
STATE OF FLORIDA

CITY OF OCALA, FLORIDA,

Case No.: 5D2024-3311

LT Case No: 2022-CA000265

Appellant,

v.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CITY OF OCALA
FIREFIGHTERS RETIREMENT PLAN, and
PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS OF OCALA,
IAFF LOCAL 2135,

Appellees.

On Appeal from the Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit,
Marion County, Florida, Civil Division

**ANSWER BRIEF OF APPELLEE PROFESSIONAL
FIREFIGHTERS OF OCALA, IAFF LOCAL 2135**
ADOPTING ANSWER BRIEF OF CO-APPELLEE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES

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STATEMENT OF ADOPTION

Appellee, Professional Firefighters of Ocala, IAFF Local 2135 (“Local 2135”), hereby adopts in its entirety and incorporates as if fully stated herein the Answer Brief of Co-Appellee Board of Trustees, City of Ocala Firefighters Retirement Plan and more specifically the following sections: Table of Contents; Table of Citations; Statement of Case and Facts (pages 1 through 9); and Summary of Argument, Standard of Review and Argument (pages 10-26).

Accordingly, Local 2135 states that the Circuit Court’s well-founded decision should be affirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

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