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Date: August 27, 2025

In the matter of:)
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ISCR Case No. 24-01173

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Applicant for Security Clearance)
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APPEAL BOARD DECISION

APPEARANCES

FOR GOVERNMENT

Andrea M. Corrales, Esq., Deputy Chief Department Counsel

FOR APPLICANT

Pro se

The Department of Defense (DoD) declined to grant Applicant a security clearance. On July 29, 2024, DoD issued a Statement of Reasons (SOR) advising Applicant of the basis of that decision – security concerns raised under Guideline F (Financial Considerations) of the National Security Adjudicative Guidelines in Appendix A of Security Executive Agent Directive 4 (effective June 8, 2017) and DoD Directive 5220.6 (Jan. 2, 1992, as amended) (Directive). On July 1, 2025, Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals Administrative Judge Mark Harvey denied Applicant national security eligibility. Applicant appealed pursuant to Directive ¶¶ E3.1.28 and E3.1.30.

The SOR alleged 14 delinquent debts totaling approximately \$69,700. In responding to the SOR, Applicant admitted nine of the delinquencies and denied five. The Judge found adversely on all allegations.

There is no presumption of error below and the appealing party has the burden of raising claims of error with specificity. Directive ¶ E3.1.30. On appeal, Applicant makes no assertion of

error on the part of the Judge but rather submits new evidence and requests reconsideration of the adverse decision. The Appeal Board does not review cases *de novo* and is prohibited from considering new evidence. Directive ¶ E3.1.29. Our authority to review a case is limited to matters in which the appealing party has raised a claim of harmful error. Applicant has alleged no such error, and the Judge's decision is sustainable.

Order

The decision in ISCR Case No. 24-01173 is **AFFIRMED**.

Signed: Moira Modzelewski

Moira Modzelewski
Administrative Judge
Chair, Appeal Board

Signed: Allison Marie

Allison Marie
Administrative Judge
Member, Appeal Board

Signed: Jennifer I. Goldstein

Jennifer I. Goldstein
Administrative Judge
Member, Appeal Board