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August 09, 2021

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

THE SATANIC TEMPLE	§	CIVIL ACTION NO.
INC and ANN DOE,	§	4:21-cv-00387
Plaintiffs,	§	
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	§	
vs.	§	JUDGE CHARLES ESKRIDGE
	§	
TEXAS HEALTH AND	§	
HUMAN SERVICES	§	
COMMISSION and	§	
CECILE YOUNG,	§	
Defendants.	§	

MINUTE ENTRY AND ORDER

Minutes for initial conference.

Parties present by videoconference. The Court addressed the scheduling order and the parties' joint discovery and case management plan. Dkts 14, 27.

The Court addressed the motion to dismiss filed by Defendants Texas Health and Human Services Commission and Cecile Young. Dkt 28.


Plaintiffs The Satanic Temple, Inc and Ann Doe withdrew their claims asserted under Count 2 as to the Equal Protection Clause. They also noted no objection to the dismissal of their claims under Count 4 as to the Texas Religious Freedom and Restoration Act for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. Counts 2 and 4 were DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

Without objection, Texas HHSC was DISMISSED from this action because the TRFRA was the only claim asserted against it.

Argument was heard on the motion to dismiss. Resolution was taken under advisement.

SO ORDERED.

Signed on August 6, 2021, at Houston, Texas.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ch R Eskridge". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font. The "Ch" is written as a single unit, and "R" is a simple vertical line. "Eskridge" is written with a large "E" and a long, sweeping "d" that extends to the right. The signature is positioned above the printed name.

Hon. Charles Eskridge
United States District Judge