

**CASE DIGEST:**     *AFGE, Loc. 228 and U.S. Small Bus. Admin.*, 74 FLRA 1 (2024)

The Agency denied a Union representative's request for official time to prepare for a meeting, and the Union grieved, arguing that the denial violated the parties' collective-bargaining agreement. The Arbitrator denied the grievance, finding that the parties' agreement did not entitle the Union representative to official time for meeting preparation. The Union filed an exception arguing that the award conflicted with § 7131(b) and (d) of the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute. Because the Union could have raised these statutory arguments at arbitration, but did not, the Authority dismissed the exception.

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