

**CASE DIGEST:** *AFGE, Local 17*, 72 FLRA 162 (2021) (Member Abbott concurring)

The Arbitrator found that the Agency did not violate the parties' collective-bargaining agreement or § 7131 of the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute by limiting official time to a negotiated contractual allocation. The Union filed exceptions to the award based on nonfact, essence and contrary-to-law grounds. The Authority found that the Union failed to establish that the award was deficient on any of these grounds and denied the exceptions.

Member Abbott concurred, noting the most significant take-away from this case, in his opinion, was the modernization of the Agency's time and attendance system and the mutual benefits to management and employees alike when improvements are implemented.

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