

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. H104895

RACHEL BUTLER-GREEN, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
PARKVIEW MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL/LRSD, EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT
ARKANSAS SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION WCT, INSURANCE CARRIER/TPA	RESPONDENT

OPINION FILED NOVEMBER 4, 2022

Upon review before the FULL COMMISSION in Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas.

Claimant appeared *pro se*.

Respondents represented by the HONORABLE MELISSA WOOD, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

ORDER

The claimant, *pro se*, requests a 90-day extension of the briefing schedule. The Full Commission denies the claimant's motion.

An administrative law judge filed an opinion on June 28, 2022. The administrative law judge found that the claimant failed to prove she sustained a compensable injury to her right arm, neck, or right shoulder. The claimant filed a timely notice of appeal. The Clerk of the Commission thereafter established a briefing schedule and notified the claimant that her brief would be due on September 9, 2022. The claimant requested a 30-day extension to which the respondents did not object. The Clerk of the Commission subsequently informed the parties, "This case will be submitted to the Full Commission on **November 9, 2022**. Claimant's brief

will now be due **October 10, 2022**. Respondent's brief will be due **October 24, 2022**. Claimant's reply brief will be due **October 31, 2022**."

The claimant did not file a brief on or before October 10, 2022. The claimant informed the respondents' attorney on October 12, 2022, "I am requesting a second extinction (sic) for 90 days. I have had a family emergency." Counsel for the respondents replied in part, "It is my understanding that the Commission will not consider briefs submitted beyond the deadline."

Because the claimant's motion for an extension was not timely filed, we find that it must be denied. *Dillard v. Welspun Pipe, Inc., Workers' Compensation Commission G201312* (Jan. 25, 2013); *Franklin v. Cross County Judge, Workers' Compensation Commission F810601* (July 31, 2009).

The Full Commission therefore denies the claimant's request for a 90-day extension. If the respondents elect to file a brief, then the claimant's reply brief shall be due no later than seven (7) days after timely filing of the respondents' brief. The Clerk of the Commission shall then place the matter on our submission docket for *de novo* review.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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SCOTTY DALE DOUTHIT, Chairman

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CHRISTOPHER L. PALMER, Commissioner

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M. SCOTT WILLHITE, Commissioner