

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. **H007165**

MISTY D. KESTERSON, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY, EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT
ARKANSAS SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION, INSURANCE CARRIER	RESPONDENT

OPINION/ORDER FILED **JULY 21, 2022**

Hearing before ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE JOSEPH C. SELF, in Springdale, Washington County, Arkansas.

Claimant is *pro se*.

Respondents are represented by MELISSA WOOD, Attorney, Little Rock, Arkansas

OPINION/ORDER

On September 28, 2020, claimant filed Form AR-C, alleging a compensable injury on August 24, 2022. Claimant was not represented by an attorney when the AR-C was filed, and is still *pro se*.

On May 6, 2022, respondent filed a Motion to Dismiss, alleging that it had been more than six months since claimant filed her Form AR-C with the Commission, but she had not made a request for a hearing in that time. A hearing on respondent's Motion to Dismiss was scheduled for July 12, 2022. Notice of the scheduled hearing was sent to claimant by certified mail at the last known address in the Commission's file. The notice was not returned to the Commission as undeliverable. Claimant did not respond to respondent's motion and did not appear in person at the hearing on July 12, 2022.

I find it has been more than six months since prior to this hearing and that no request for a hearing has been made in this file. After my review of the respondent's motion, the claimant's lack of response and failure to attend the hearing for the Respondent's motion, as well as all other matters properly before the Commission, I find that respondent's Motion to Dismiss this claim should be and

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hereby is granted. This dismissal is pursuant to Commission Rule 099.13 and is without prejudice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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JOSEPH C. SELF  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE