BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

WCC NO. H601684

CHRISTOPHER MORRISON, Employee	**CLAIMANT**
ONCE UPON A TIME BOOKS, Employer	**RESPONDENT**
TRAVELERS INDEMNITY CO., Carrier	**RESPONDENT**

OPINION FILED JULY 28, 2026

Hearing before ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE ERIC PAUL WELLS in Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas.

Claimant not represented by counsel and not appearing at hearing.

Respondents represented by GUY ALTON WADE, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

This case comes on for review following a hearing on respondents' Motion to Dismiss.

On March 16, 2026, the claimant filed an AR-C requesting various compensation benefits in which he alleged an injury to his back on or about February 19, 2026. There has been no request for a hearing and no further action was taken in this claim.

On April 29, 2026, the respondents filed a Motion to Dismiss requesting that this claim be dismissed for lack of prosecution. A hearing was scheduled for June 30, 2026. Notice of that hearing was sent to the claimant by certified mail, return receipt requested on May 8, 2026. United States Postal Department records indicate that claimant received and signed for the notice on May 16, 2026. The claimant did not appear at the hearing.

Pursuant to 11 CAR §25-110(d) (previously codified as Commission Rule 099.13), the Commission may enter an order dismissing a claim for want of prosecution After a review of the

respondents' Motion to Dismiss, the claimant's lack of desire to pursue his claim, and his failure to appear at the scheduled hearing, as well as all other matters properly before the Commission, I find that claimant has failed to prosecute this claim. Therefore, this claim is dismissed without prejudice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

HONORABLE ERIC PAUL WELLS
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE