

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

**WCC NO. H204558**

<b>VINCENT WALKER, Employee</b>	<b>CLAIMANT</b>
<b>GREENWOOD SCHOOL MAINTENANCE, Employer</b>	<b>RESPONDENT</b>
<b>ARKANSAS SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN., Carrier</b>	<b>RESPONDENT</b>

**OPINION FILED FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

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

Claimant represented by EDDIE H. WALKER, Attorney, Fort Smith, Arkansas; although not present at hearing.

Respondent represented by JARROD S. PARRISH, Attorney, Little Rock, Arkansas.

**OPINION**

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

On July 24, 2023, Eddie Walker claimant's attorney, filed a Form AR-C requesting various compensation benefits in which the claimant alleged an injury to his head, bilateral shoulders, and right thumb on or about June 16, 2022. A hearing was requested regarding issues with medical treatment and entitlement to temporary total disability benefits. However, in lieu of a hearing this administrative law judge issued two different Agreed Orders, on January 29, 2024, and February 13, 2024, which resolved all issues. No further action was taken in this claim.

On September 11, 2025, the respondents filed a Motion to Dismiss requesting that this claim be dismissed for lack of prosecution. A hearing was scheduled for January 15, 2026. Notice of that hearing was sent to the claimant by certified mail, return receipt requested on November 3, 2025. United States Postal Department records indicate that claimant received and signed for the notice on November 6, 2025.

Mr. Walker indicated by letter dated January 6, 2026, that he would waive his appearance at the hearing and further indicated that he had no objection to the Motion to Dismiss “without prejudice.”

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 my review of the respondent’s Motion to Dismiss, Mr. Walker’s response thereto he had no objection to the Motion to Dismiss without prejudice, and the claimant’s 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.**

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**HONORABLE ERIC PAUL WELLS  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**