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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. G708090

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| NIKIA N. WHITIKER-GILES, EMPLOYEE | CLAIMANT |
| PINE BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL, EMPLOYER | RESPONDENT |
| ARKANSAS SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION, INSURANCE CARRIER/TPA | RESPONDENT NO. 1 |
| DEATH & PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY TRUST FUND | RESPONDENT NO. 2 |

OPINION FILED FEBRUARY 9, 2021

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

Claimant represented by the HONORABLE KOLTON JONES, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Respondents No. 1 represented by the HONORABLE MELISSA WOOD, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Respondents No. 2 represented by the HONORABLE CHRISTY L. KING, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Decision of Administrative Law Judge: Affirmed and Adopted.

OPINION AND ORDER

Claimant appeals an opinion and order of the Administrative Law Judge filed October 19, 2020. In said order, the Administrative Law Judge made the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. The Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission has jurisdiction of the within claim.
2. I hereby accept the aforementioned stipulations as fact.

2. The Claimant failed to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that she sustained a whole-body rating for her hand injury of November 13, 2017.
3. The Claimant failed to prove by a preponderance of the credible evidence that a spinal cord stimulator is reasonably necessary treatment for her right finger/hand injury.

We have carefully conducted a *de novo* review of the entire record herein and it is our opinion that the Administrative Law Judge's October 19, 2020 decision is supported by a preponderance of the credible evidence, correctly applies the law, and should be affirmed. Specifically, we find from a preponderance of the evidence that the findings of fact made by the Administrative Law Judge are correct and they are, therefore, adopted by the Full Commission.

Therefore we affirm and adopt the decision of the Administrative Law Judge, including all findings and conclusions therein, as the decision of the Full Commission on appeal.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SCOTTY DALE DOUTHIT, Chairman

CHRISTOPHER L. PALMER, Commissioner

M. SCOTT WILLHITE, Commissioner