

**United States Department of Labor  
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board**

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<p>S.C., Appellant ) and ) <b>DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &amp; URBAN ) DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF FIELD POLICY ) &amp; MANAGEMENT, REGION III, ) Philadelphia, PA, Employer )</b></p> <hr/>	<p>) ) ) ) ) ) )</p>	<p><b>Docket No. 25-0541</b> <b>Issued: August 20, 2025</b></p>
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*Appearances:*

*Alan J. Shapiro, Esq.*, for the appellant<sup>1</sup>  
*Office of Solicitor*, for the Director

*Case Submitted on the Record*

Before:

ALEC J. KOROMILAS, Chief Judge  
PATRICIA H. FITZGERALD, Deputy Chief Judge  
JANICE B. ASKIN, Judge

On May 13, 2025 appellant, through counsel, filed a timely appeal from an April 21, 2024 merit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs. The Clerk of the Appellate Boards docketed the appeal as No. 25-0541.

By letter dated and received July 15, 2025, appellant, through counsel, requested that the appeal be withdrawn.

The Board has duly considered the matter and concludes that appellant's request for the withdrawal of the appeal should be granted. Accordingly,

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<sup>1</sup> In all cases in which a representative has been authorized in a matter before the Board, no claim for a fee for legal or other service performed on an appeal before the Board is valid unless approved by the Board. 20 C.F.R. § 501.9(e). No contract for a stipulated fee or on a contingent fee basis will be approved by the Board. *Id.* An attorney or representative's collection of a fee without the Board's approval may constitute a misdemeanor, subject to fine or imprisonment for up to one year or both. *Id.*; *see also* 18 U.S.C. § 292. Demands for payment of fees to a representative, prior to approval by the Board, may be reported to appropriate authorities for investigation.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** appellant's request for the withdrawal of the appeal is granted. The appeal docketed as No. 25-0541 is dismissed.

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Washington, DC

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