United States Department of Labor
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

B.M., Appellant	)	
and	)	**Docket No. 26-0501**
	)	**Issued: September 4, 2026**
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OKLAHOMA FARM SERVICE AGENCY, Stillwater, OK, Employer	)	

Appearances:
Appellant, pro se
Office of Solicitor, for the Director

Case Submitted on the Record

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before:
ALEC J. KOROMILAS, Chief Judge
PATRICIA H. FITZGERALD, Deputy Chief Judge
VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge

On May 5, 2026 appellant filed an appeal from a March 11, 2026 merit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs. The Clerk of the Appellate Boards docketed the appeal as No. 26-0501. Appellant did not sign the appeal request.

By letter dated August 6, 2026 the Clerk of the Appellate Boards informed appellant that the Board required all forms be signed by the appellant submitting the appeal. The letter requested that a signed appeal be submitted to the Board within 10 days of the date of the letter and that failure to respond would result in dismissal of the appeal. The Board notes that such action is necessary as section 501.3(c)(6) of the Board's *Rules of Procedure* requires that an appellant must sign the notice of appeal.[1] If appellant does not sign the notice of appeal, there is no valid appeal before the Board.

No response was received within the time allotted for submission of a proper appeal.

[1] 20 C.F.R. § 501.3(c)(6).

The Board, having duly considered this matter, concludes that, as appellant has not filed a properly signed notice of appeal in this case, there is no valid appeal before the Board. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the appeal docketed as No. 26-0501 is dismissed.

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Washington, DC

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