

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**PATTI DAPRON, *Applicant***

**vs.**

**STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND, legally uninsured,  
administered by AIMS, *Defendants***

**Adjudication Number: ADJ11573087  
Oakland District Office**

**OPINION AND DECISION  
AFTER RECONSIDERATION<sup>1</sup>**

Applicant, Patti Dapron, petitioned for reconsideration of the Findings and Award issued by the workers' compensation administrative law judge (WCJ) in this matter on October 14, 2021. In that decision, the WCJ found that applicant's injury to her wrists, hands and fingers arising out of and in the course of her employment as a legal secretary by defendant, State Compensation Insurance Fund, legally uninsured, during the period February 14, 2017 through February 14, 2018, caused permanent partial disability of 29%.

Applicant contends in her petition for reconsideration that the WCJ erred in not finding that applicant's injury caused greater permanent partial disability.

The WCJ issued a report in which he recommended that the petition for reconsideration be denied.

We granted reconsideration to further study the factual and legal issues presented.

Subsequently, the parties participated in a commissioners' settlement conference at our request. On August 5, 2022, the parties filed a fully executed Stipulations With Request for Award in which the parties stipulated that applicant's injury caused permanent partial disability of 37%.

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<sup>1</sup> Commissioner Deidra E. Lowe signed the Opinion and Order Granting Petition for Reconsideration dated March 30, 2022. As Commissioner Lowe is no longer a member of the Appeals Board, a new panel member has been substituted in her place.

In order to expedite review and approval of the Stipulations, we will rescind the October 14, 2021 Findings and Award and remand this matter to the WCJ to consider the Stipulations. The WCJ may conduct such further proceedings as he deems appropriate.

Our decision should not be construed as a ruling on the merits of the petition for reconsideration. If the WCJ does not approve the stipulations, he can issue an order reinstating his decision and any aggrieved party may timely seek reconsideration from the reinstated decision.

Finally, we commend the parties for successfully resolving this matter without the need of further litigation.

For the foregoing reasons,

**IT IS ORDERED** as the Decision After Reconsideration of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board that the Findings and Award issued in this matter on October 14, 2021, be **RESCINDED**, and that this matter be **REMANDED** to the workers' compensation administrative law judge to consider the Compromise and Release and for such further proceedings as he deems appropriate.

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD**

**/s/ MARGUERITE SWEENEY, COMMISSIONER**

I CONCUR,

**/s/ ANNE SCHMITZ, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER**

**/s/ KATHERINE WILLIAMS DODD, COMMISSIONER**



**DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**AUGUST 25, 2022**

**SERVICE MADE ON THE ABOVE DATE ON THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW AT THEIR ADDRESSES SHOWN ON THE CURRENT OFFICIAL ADDRESS RECORD.**

**PATTI DAPRON  
RAYMOND E. FROST & ASSOCIATES  
GOLDMAN, MAGDALIN & KRIKES**

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I certify that I affixed the official seal of  
the Workers' Compensation Appeals  
Board to this original decision on this date.  
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