

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

AURA RODRIGUEZ, *Applicant*

vs.

**MONTEBELLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, permissibly self-insured
administered by SEDGWICK CLAIMS MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., *Defendants***

**Adjudication Numbers: ADJ17842228, ADJ17842767, ADJ17842277, ADJ17842738
Los Angeles District Office**

**OPINION AND ORDER
DENYING PETITION
FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Defendant seeks reconsideration of the “Opinion and Orders Granting Petition for Reconsideration and Decision After Reconsideration” (Decision) issued on January 12, 2026, by the Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board. The Appeals Board found, in pertinent part, that applicant was entitled to a replacement medical evaluator because defendant engaged in ex parte communication with the agreed medical evaluator (AME) by failing to serve its communication on the Official Address Record.

Defendant contends that it properly served applicant with the communication at an alternate address.

We have not received an answer from applicant.

We have considered the allegations of the Petition for Reconsideration. Based on our review of the record and for the reasons stated in the January 12, 2026 Decision, which we adopt and incorporate, we deny reconsideration.

Accordingly, we deny defendant’s Petition for Reconsideration.

For the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED that defendant's petition for reconsideration of the Opinion and Orders Granting Petition for Reconsideration and Decision After Reconsideration issued on January 12, 2026, by the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board is **DENIED**.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

/s/ KATHERINE WILLIAMS DODD, COMMISSIONER

I CONCUR,

/s/ CRAIG L. SNELLINGS, COMMISSIONER

/s/ ANNE SCHMITZ, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER



DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

MARCH 3, 2026

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

**AURA RODRIGUEZ
LAW OFFICES OF EMILIA MIKAELIAN
DABBAH, HADDAD & SULEIMAN**

EDL/mt

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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