

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

NORMA MARTINEZ AKA NORMA GOMEZ, *Applicant*

vs.

**ROBERT HALF INTERNATIONAL;
HARTFORD INSURANCE, administered by SPECIALTY RISK SERVICES, *Defendants***

**Adjudication Number: ADJ745798 (SFO0484247)
Salinas District Office**

**OPINION AND ORDER
DISMISSING PETITION FOR
RECONSIDERATION**

Applicant, in pro per, filed a Petition for Reconsideration (Petition) on May 11, 2026.

Applicant contends she is aggrieved by a decision that was issued on December 26, 2001 but the Petition is otherwise skeletal without any indication as to what she is specifically challenging.

We have not received an Answer from defendant.

The presiding workers' compensation administrative law judge (PW CJ) issued a Report and Recommendation on Petition for Reconsideration (Report) recommending that the Petition be denied.

We have considered the allegations of the Petition and the contents of the WCJ's Report. Based on our review of the record, we will dismiss the Petition.

DISCUSSION

I.

Preliminarily, former Labor section 5909¹ provided that a petition for reconsideration was deemed denied unless the Appeals Board acted on the petition within 60 days from the date of

¹ All section references are to the Labor Code, unless otherwise indicated.

filing. (Lab. Code, § 5909.) Effective July 2, 2024, section 5909 was amended to state in relevant part that:

- (a) A petition for reconsideration is deemed to have been denied by the appeals board unless it is acted upon within 60 days from the date a trial judge transmits a case to the appeals board.
- (b)
 - (1) When a trial judge transmits a case to the appeals board, the trial judge shall provide notice to the parties of the case and the appeals board.
 - (2) For purposes of paragraph (1), service of the accompanying report, pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 5900, shall constitute providing notice.

Under section 5909(a), the Appeals Board must act on a petition for reconsideration within 60 days of transmission of the case to the Appeals Board. Transmission is reflected under the Events tab in the Electronic Adjudication Management System (EAMS). Specifically, in Case Events, under Event Description is the phrase “Sent to Recon” and under Additional Information is the phrase “The case is sent to the Recon board.”

Here, according to Events, the case was transmitted to the Appeals Board on May 20, 2026, and 60 days from the date of transmission is July 19, 2026, which is a Sunday. The next business day that is 60 days from the date of transmission is Monday, July 20, 2026. (See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8, § 10600(b).)² This decision was issued by or on July 20, 2026, so that we have timely acted on the petition as required by section 5909(a).

Section 5909(b)(1) requires that the parties and the Appeals Board be provided with notice of transmission of the case. Transmission of the case to the Appeals Board in EAMS provides notice to the Appeals Board. Thus, the requirement in subdivision (1) ensures that the parties are notified of the accurate date for the commencement of the 60-day period for the Appeals Board to act on a petition. Section 5909(b)(2) provides that service of the Report shall constitute notice of transmission.

² WCAB Rule 10600(b) (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8, § 10600(b)) states that: Unless otherwise provided by law, if the last day for exercising or performing any right or duty to act or respond falls on a weekend, or on a holiday for which the offices of the Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board are closed, the act or response may be performed or exercised upon the next business day.

Here, according to the proof of service for the Report, it was served on May 20, 2026, and the case was transmitted to the Appeals Board on May 20, 2026. Service of the Report and transmission of the case to the Appeals Board occurred on the same day. Thus, we conclude that the parties were provided with the notice of transmission required by section 5909(b)(1) because service of the Report in compliance with section 5909(b)(2) provided them with actual notice as to the commencement of the 60-day period on May 20, 2026.

II.

There are 25 days allowed within which to file a petition for reconsideration from a “final” decision that has been served by mail upon an address in California. (Lab. Code, §§ 5900(a), 5903; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8, § 10605(a)(1).) The time is extended to 30 days if a party, attorney, or agent served is outside of California but within the United States. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8, § 10605(a)(2).) This time limit is extended to the next business day if the last day for filing falls on a weekend or holiday. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8, § 10600.) To be timely, however, a petition for reconsideration must be filed with (i.e., received by) the WCAB within the time allowed; proof that the petition was mailed (posted) within that period is insufficient. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8, §§ 10940(a), 10615(b).)

This time limit is jurisdictional and, therefore, the Appeals Board has no authority to consider or act upon an untimely petition for reconsideration. (*Maranian v. Workers’ Comp. Appeals Bd.* (2000) 81 Cal.App.4th 1068, 1076 [65 Cal.Comp.Cases 650]; *Rymer v. Hagler* (1989) 211 Cal.App.3d 1171, 1182; *Scott v. Workers’ Comp. Appeals Bd.* (1981) 122 Cal.App.3d 979, 984 [46 Cal.Comp.Cases 1008]; *U.S. Pipe & Foundry Co. v. Industrial Acc. Com. (Hinojoza)* (1962) 201 Cal.App.2d 545, 549 [27 Cal.Comp.Cases 73].)

In this case, applicant contends she is aggrieved by a decision that was filed on December 26, 2001. However, we are unable to locate any decision that was issued on this date. Even if there was, based on the authority cited above, applicant had until Friday, January 25, 2002, to file a timely petition. Therefore, the Petition filed on May 11, 2026 is untimely and must be dismissed.

Accordingly, we dismiss applicant’s Petition for Reconsideration.

For the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED that applicant's Petition for Reconsideration is **DISMISSED**.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

/s/ JOSEPH V. CAPURRO, COMMISSIONER

I CONCUR,

/s/ PAUL F. KELLY, COMMISSIONER

/s/ JOSÉ H. RAZO, COMMISSIONER



DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

July 20, 2026

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

**NORMA MARTINEZ AKA NORMA GOMEZ
STANDER REUBENS**

JL/abs

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