WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD STATE OF CALIFORNIA

TREVER SMITH, Applicant

VS.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA; permissibly self-insured, administered by CITY OF SANTA MONICA RISK MANAGEMENT WORKERS COMPENSATION UNIT, Defendants

Adjudication Number: ADJ13219610 Van Nuys District Office

OPINION AND ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND DECISION AFTER RECONSIDERATION

The Appeals Board has been advised that, while this matter has been pending on reconsideration, a proposed settlement has been reached. Therefore, we will grant reconsideration, rescind the decision from which reconsideration is sought, and return this matter to the trial level for the workers' compensation administrative law judge (WCJ) to consider the proposed settlement. If the WCJ does not approve the settlement, the WCJ may issue an order reinstating the original decision and any aggrieved person may timely seek reconsideration from the reinstated decision. This is not a final decision on the merits of any of the issues pending on reconsideration.

For the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Reconsideration is GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED as the Decision After Reconsideration of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board that the WCJ's decision of January 14, 2025 is **RESCINDED** and this matter is **RETURNED** to the trial level for further proceedings and decision by the WCJ.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

/s/ JOSEPH V. CAPURRO, COMMISSIONER

I CONCUR,

/s/ ANNE SCHMITZ, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

/s/ PAUL KELLY, COMMISSIONER



DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

May 12, 2025

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

TREVER SMITH LAW OFFICES OF COOKSEY & MARENSTEIN SAM LEBOVITZ, ESQUIRE

SRO/bp

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