

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

SOUMIA SHAMAOUN, *Applicant*

vs.

**ADT, LLC; OLD REPUBLIC INSURANCE COMPANY,
administered by GALLAGHER BASSETT, *Defendants***

**Adjudication Numbers: ADJ21262917, ADJ21262928
Van Nuys District Office**

**OPINION AND ORDER
DISMISSING PETITION
FOR REMOVAL**

Applicant has filed a petition for removal from the notice of hearing issued on January 26, 2026, by the Van Nuys District Office, which set this matter for priority conference on June 18, 2026.

Applicant contends that the notice of hearing violates Labor Code¹ section 5502(c), which requires that the Administrative Director establish a priority conference calendar, which requires conference be conducted within 30 days of the filing of a declaration of readiness to proceed.

We have received an answer from defendant. The WCJ filed a Report and Recommendation on Petition for Removal (Report) recommending that we grant removal and order the Administrative Director to comply with the provisions of section 5502(c).

We have considered the allegations of the Petition for Removal, the Answer, and the contents of the WCJ's Report. Based on our review of the record we will dismiss the Petition for Removal as the Appeals Board does not have the power to award the relief sought.

Under section 5502(b), the establishment of the priority calendar at the district offices is reserved to the Administrative Director (AD). (But see § 5500.3 [the Appeals Board "shall establish uniform district office procedures, uniform forms, and uniform time of court settings for all district offices"].)

¹ All future references are to the Labor Code unless noted.

Since jurisdiction is with the AD, applicant is encouraged to bring this petition to the Presiding WCJ, as they are most responsible for scheduling at individual district offices.

Accordingly, we dismiss the Petition for Removal.

For the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED that applicant's Petition for Removal from notice of hearing issued on January 26, 2026, by the Van Nuys District Office is **DISMISSED**.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

/s/ JOSÉ H. RAZO, COMMISSIONER

I CONCUR,

/s/ CRAIG L. SNELLINGS, COMMISSIONER

/s/ JOSEPH V. CAPURRO, COMMISSIONER



DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

APRIL 9, 2026

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

**SOUMIA SHAMAOUN
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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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