



STATE OF WASHINGTON
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September 9, 2025

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**RE: Coopers Corner, LLC
OAH Docket No. 07-2025-LI-02486
Director No. 2025-019-WPA**

Dear Parties:

Please find the enclosed Director's Order, which is served on the date of mailing. A copy of the Notice of Appeal is enclosed for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Joel Sacks
Director

Enclosures

cc: Judge Dan Gerard
Haley Bobbitt, Tacoma OAH
Anastasia Sandstrom, AAG

**DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRIES
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

In re:

Coopers Corner, LLC,

Appellant,

Agency No. W-273-25

OAH Docket No. 07-2025-LI-02486

No. 2025-019-WPA

DIRECTOR'S ORDER

RCW 49.48.084(4); RCW 34.05

Joel Sacks, Director of the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries, having considered the appeal filed by Coopers Corner, LLC, (Appellant) and having reviewed the record, issues this Director's Order.

The Director makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Decision and Order.

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) issued and served the Order Dismissing Appeal on August 5, 2025.
2. The Director received a timely filed petition for administrative review from the Appellant.
3. On August 4, 2025, the Appellant did not appear to a prehearing conference at OAH. The reason given was not receiving notice of prehearing conference until after the prehearing

conference.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Based on the Appellant's timely filed petition for administrative review, there is authority to review and decide this matter under RCW 49.48.084 and RCW 34.05.
2. This matter is remanded to OAH to determine if there is good cause to miss the prehearing conference.
3. If good cause is established, proceedings shall be held at OAH.
4. If good cause is not established, a dispositive order shall be issued.

III. DECISION AND ORDER

This matter is remanded to OAH for further proceedings consistent with the above Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law. The Director does not retain jurisdiction of this matter.



JOEL SACKS
Director

SERVICE

This Order was served on you the day it was deposited in the United States mail. RCW 34.05.010(19).

APPEAL RIGHTS

Reconsideration. Any party may file a petition for reconsideration. RCW 34.05.470. Any petition for reconsideration must be filed within 10 days of service of this Order and must state the specific grounds on which relief is requested. No matter will be reconsidered unless it clearly appears from the petition for reconsideration that (a) there is material clerical error in the order **or** (b) there is specific material error of fact or law. A petition for reconsideration, together with any argument in support thereof, should be filed by emailing it to directorappeal@lni.wa.gov or by mailing or delivering it directly to Joel Sacks, Director of the Department of Labor and Industries, P. O. Box 44001 Olympia, Washington 98504-4001, with a copy to all other parties of record and their representatives. Filing means actual receipt of the document at the Director's Office. RCW 34.05.010(6).

NOTE: A petition for reconsideration is not required before seeking judicial review. If a petition for reconsideration is filed, however, the 30-day period will begin to run upon the resolution of that petition. A timely filed petition for reconsideration is deemed to be denied if, within twenty (20) days from the date the petition is filed, the Director does not (a) dispose of the petition **or** (b) serve the parties with a written notice specifying the date by which it will act on the petition. RCW 34.05.470(3).

Judicial Review. Any petition for judicial review must be filed with the appropriate court and served within 30 days after service of this Order. RCW 34.05.542. RCW 49.48.084(5) provides: "Orders that are not appealed within the time period specified in this section and Chapter 34.05 RCW are final and binding, and not subject to further appeal." Proceedings for judicial review may be instituted by filing a petition in superior court according to the procedures specified in chapter 34.05 RCW, Part V, Judicial Review and Civil Enforcement.

DECLARATION OF MAILING

I, Lisa Deck, hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, that the **DIRECTOR'S ORDER** was mailed and e-mailed on the date listed below, to the following via regular, postage prepaid, U.S. Mail.:

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DATED this 9th day of September 2025 at Tumwater, Washington.



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From: Deck, Lisa L (LNI) <DECL235@LNI.WA.GOV>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 11:43 AM
To: ATG MI LNI SEA Director Attorney
Subject: Coopers Corner appeal 07-2025-LI-0248
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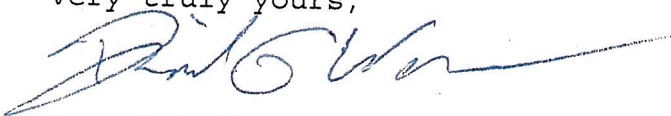
RE: My Client: Daniel Waller
Cooper's Corner LLC
Docket No. 07-2025-LI-02486
Program: Wage Payments
Agency No. W-273-25

Dear Representative:

Please consider this document as an appeal to that certain order entitled Order Dismissing Appeal, a copy of which is attached, which resulted from a hearing that was scheduled for August 4, 2025.

This is being filed on behalf of Cooper's Corner LLC. The hearing notice was received in the afternoon on the date of the hearing that had been set for 11:15 a.m. Our request is that the hearing previously set for August 4, 2025, be set once again with ample time to prepare and appear for such a hearing.

Very truly yours,



Daniel Waller
On behalf of Cooper's Corner

Enclosure

cc: Rob Turner, AAG
Heather Leibowitz, AAG
Robert Landry

**WASHINGTON STATE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

In the matter of:

Coopers Corner, LLC,

Appellant/Employer.

Docket No. 07-2025-LI-02486

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Agency: Labor and Industries

Program: Wage Payments

Agency No. W-273-25

PREHEARING CONFERENCE

The Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) mailed proper notice to the parties on Thursday, July 24, 2025. Administrative Law Judge Travis Dupree convened the prehearing conference on Monday, August 4, 2025 at 11:00 AM. The Appellant/Employer, Coopers Corner, LLC, did not appear. At 11:15 AM when no one appeared on behalf of Coopers Corner, LLC, Labor and Industries moved for a default order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

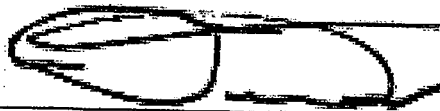
"If a party fails to attend or participate in a hearing or other stage of an adjudicative proceeding...the presiding officer may serve upon all parties a default or other dispositive order, which shall include a statement of the grounds for the order."¹ In this case, Coopers Corner, LLC was properly served with the Notice of Prehearing Conference set for Monday, August 4, 2025, and failed to attend and participate. Consequently, Appellant/Employer is in default and the administrative appeal should be dismissed.

ORDER

Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

Coopers Corner, LLC is in default under RCW 34.05.440 and its administrative appeal is hereby **DISMISSED**.

SERVED on the date of mailing.



Travis Dupree
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE ATTACHED

¹ RCW 34.05.440(2).

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

You have **seven (7) days** from service of this Order of Default to file a request with the above-named Administrative Law Judge to have this Order of Default vacated and your hearing reinstated. RCW 34.05.440(3). A Petition to Reinstate Hearing must be filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings at the following address:

Office of Administrative Hearings
16201 E. Indiana Avenue, Suite 3000
Spokane Valley, WA 99216
253-476-6888 (phone)
Fax: (253) 593-2200

A Petition to Reinstate Hearing must be actually received during office hours at the Office of Administrative Hearings at the above address within seven days from the date the Order of Default was mailed to the parties. WAC 10-08-110(1)(a). Filing papers with the Office of Administrative Hearings by fax, or electronically via the participant portal, is also permitted under the conditions set forth in WAC 10-08-110. You may also file papers with the Office of Administrative Hearings via secure email at Tacoma@oah.wa.gov.² You must serve a copy of any Petition to Reinstate Hearing by delivery or mail to the other parties within the same time periods listed above.

If you do not timely file a Petition to Reinstate Hearing as described above, this Order of Default shall become the Initial Order in this matter.

Under RCW 49.48.084 and RCW 34.05.464, any party that disputes this Initial Order may file a Petition for Review with the Director of the Department of Labor and Industries. You may e-mail your Petition for Review to the Director at directorappeal@lni.wa.gov. You may also mail or deliver your Petition for Review to the Director at the Department's physical address listed below:

Mailing Address:

Director
Department of Labor and Industries
PO Box 44001
Olympia, WA 98504-4001

Physical Address:

7273 Linderson Way SW
Tumwater, WA 98501

Whether you e-mail, mail or deliver the Petition for Review, the Director must actually receive the Petition for Review during office hours at the Director's office within 30 days of the date this Initial Order was mailed to the parties. You must also provide a copy of your Petition for Review to the other parties at the same time.

² If you have not yet established secure email service with OAH and would like to file via secure email, please contact OAH at the phone number above to establish service.



If the Director does not receive a Petition for Review within 30 days from the date of the Order of Default, it shall become final with no further right to appeal.³ If you timely file a Petition for Review, the Director will conduct an administrative review in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW.

³ RCW 49.48.084 and Chapter 34.05 RCW.

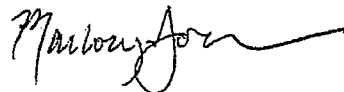
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE FOR OAH DOCKET NO. 07-2025-LI-02486

I certify that true copies of this document were served on those listed below, from Spokane, Washington via Consolidated Mail Services by one of the following: First Class Mail, Certified Mail, or by email.

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Robert Landry 5875 W Chehalis Ave Chehalis, WA 98532 <i>Intervenor/Wage Claimant</i>	☒ First Class Mail ☐ Certified Mail, Return Receipt ☐ E-mail

Date: Tuesday, August 05, 2025

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Review all pages in this envelope. If you have more than one appeal, there may be more than one set of documents in this envelope.

Electronic access to your case files is now available! Manage your case from one easy and secure location.

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For more detailed instructions visit www.oah.wa.gov.

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DECLARATION OF MAILING

Agency: Labor and Industries
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DECLARATION

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE
STATE OF WASHINGTON THAT THE FOLLOWING IS TRUE AND
CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

That my name is Daniel Waller and on the 28th day of August,
2025, I caused to be deposited in the U.S. mail a properly stamped
and addressed envelope directed to the individuals listed below at
their last known addresses a copy of the Letter to the Director of
Department of Labor and Industries with an attachment and
Declaration of Mailing in the above-referenced matter:

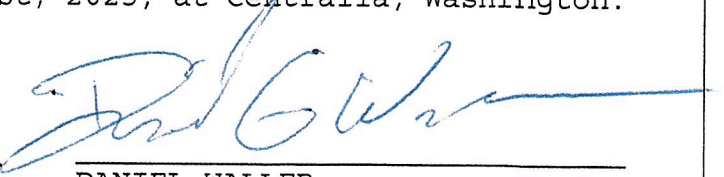
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4 FURTHER YOUR DECLARANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

5 DATED this 28th day of August, 2025, at Centralia, Washington.

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8 On behalf of Coopers Corner LLC
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