STATE OF NEW YORK INDUSTRIAL BOARD OF APPEALS	
In the Matter of the Petition of:	x :
JOHN VOYIATZIS AND JOHNNY G'S RESTAURANT, INC.,	
Petitioners,	. DOCKET NO. PR 14-201
To Review Under Section 101 of the Labor Law: An Order to Comply with Article 19 and an Order Under Articles 5 and 19 of the Labor Law, both dated July 24, 2014,	RESOLUTION OF DECISION
- against -	
THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR,	
Respondent.	: x

## **APPEARANCES**

John Voyiatzis, petitioner pro se, and for Johnny G's Restaurant. Inc.

Pico Ben-Amotz, Esq., General Counsel, NYS Department of Labor (Jake Ebers of counsel), for respondent.

## WHEREAS:

- 1. The above proceeding was commenced by the filing of a petition for review pursuant to Labor Law § 101 and Part 66 of the Industrial Board of Appeals' Rules of Procedure and Practice (Rules) (12 NYCRR Part 66) on September 8, 2014; and
- 2. Respondent Commissioner of Labor filed an answer to the petition on December 30, 2014; and
- 3. Upon notice by the Board to the parties dated January 14, 2015, a prehearing conference was set for February 9, 2015, and a hearing was set for March 25, 2015; and
- 4. Nicole Dinos Gerace. Esq. of Miniatis & Dimopoulos P.C., represented petitioners at the prehearing conference; and
- 5. On March 24, 2015, Ms. Gerace notified the Board that her office was no longer representing

- 6. Petitioners and would not be appearing at the scheduled hearing the next day, but had notified petitioners of the legal nature of the proceedings and the scheduled hearing of March 25, 2015; and
- 7. Petitioners failed to attend or otherwise appear at the hearing; and
- 8. Pursuant to Labor Law § 103 and Board Rule 65.30, the burden of proof is on the petitioners to prove that the orders under review are not valid or reasonable; and
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- 10. The petitioners have not made any application for reinstatement.

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Dated and signed in the Office of the Industrial Board of Appeals at Albany, New York, on April 29, 2015.

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