

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

MARYAM TURNER, Appellant,

vs.

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, Respondent.

Case ID: 1.0932

Case Type: PA

DECISION NO. 41521

Appearances:

Maryam Turner, 838 11th Ave., Green Bay, Wisconsin, appearing on her own behalf.

Eric Muellenbach, Attorney, Department of Corrections, Office of Legal Counsel, 3099 E. Washington Ave., Madison, Wisconsin, appearing on behalf of the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections.

DECISION AND ORDER

On May 18, 2026, Maryam Turner filed an appeal with the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission regarding the successful request by the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) to have the Bureau of Merit Recruitment and Selection remove her name from the certification list for the position of Correctional Officer. On June 16, 2026, Turner paid the mandatory filing fee and appeal began to be processed.

On June 22, 2026, DOC provided the Commission with the basis for its request and the matter became ripe for Commission action on July 9, 2026.

Being fully advised on the premises, the Commission makes and issues the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Maryam Turner, herein Turner, applied to be employed by the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) as a Correctional Officer..

2. As part of the application process, Turner was required to provide the names of all those she knew to be currently incarcerated or under the supervision of DOC. Turner did not list one such individual.

3. Once DOC discovered that Turner did not list one such individual, it successfully requested that the Bureau of Merit Recruitment and Selection remove her name from an existing certification list for Correctional Officer.

Based on the above and foregoing Findings of Fact, the Commission makes and issues the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 230.44(1)(a).

2. The State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections and the Bureau of Merit Recruitment and Selection acted in compliance with applicable administrative code provisions as to the removal of Maryam Turner's name from the Correctional Officer certification list.

Based on the above and foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Commission makes and issues the following:

ORDER

The decision to remove Maryam Turner's name from the certification list is affirmed, and the appeal is dismissed.

Issued at Madison, Wisconsin, this 27th day of July 2026.

WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

Electronically signed by Peter G. Davis

Peter G. Davis, Chairman

MEMORANDUM ACCOMPANYING DECISION AND ORDER

The facts are not in dispute. Turner admits that as part of the application process she failed to list the name of one person who was either incarcerated by or under the supervision of the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC). Wisconsin Admin. Code § ER-MRS 6.10(5) authorizes the removal from a certification list of anyone “Who has made a false statement of any material fact in any part of the selection process.”

Turner contends that she did not intend to omit the name. However, under the language of ER-MRS 6.10(5), her intent does not matter. The omission of one name made her application “false”. Therefore, DOC was within its rights to ask that Turner’s name be removed from the certification list and the Bureau of Merit Recruitment and Selection was authorized to honor that request.

Given the foregoing, the decision to remove Maryam Turner’s name from the certification list is affirmed, and her appeal is dismissed.

Issued at Madison, Wisconsin, this 27th day of July 2026.

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Peter G. Davis, Chairman