

Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia

ATLANTA, June 08, 2026

The Court of Appeals hereby passes the following order:

**A26A2084. PREMA LANAY OWSLEY v. COMMISSIONER OF THE
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.**

Prema Lanay Owsley filed a notice of direct appeal from the superior court order affirming a decision of the Georgia Department of Labor, which denied her claim for unemployment benefits. Under OCGA § 5-6-35 (a) (1), however, a party seeking to appeal a superior court decision reviewing a state agency ruling must follow the discretionary appeal procedure. See *Dunlap v. City of Atlanta*, 272 Ga. 523, 524 (531 SE2d 702) (2000); *Georgia Water Resources, Inc. v. Commissioner of Labor*, 193 Ga. App. 252, 252 (387 SE2d 374) (1989). “Compliance with the discretionary appeals procedure is jurisdictional.” *Hair Restoration Specialists v. State*, 360 Ga. App. 901, 903 (862 SE2d 564) (2021). Because Owsley failed to file a discretionary application, we lack jurisdiction over this direct appeal, which is hereby DISMISSED.



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Clerk's Office, Atlanta, 06/08/2026

*I certify that the above is a true extract from
the minutes of the Court of Appeals of Georgia.*

*Witness my signature and the seal of said court
hereto affixed the day and year last above written.*

Christina Coley Smith

, Clerk.