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BOARD OF REVIEW

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW FEBRUARY 22, 2023

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LISA HART, MEMBER

MARIA ZOLA, ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING February 22, 2023

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A regular meeting of the Board of Review was held on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., via conference call, in Trenton, New Jersey

PRESENT: Nancy Hunt, Chairperson, William Scaglione, Vice-Chairperson, MARIA ZOLA, Acting Executive Secretary,

In accordance with L1975, c.231, the Chairperson to the Board of Review opened the meeting with the following statement:

Notice of this meeting was filed with the Secretary of State and sent to the Trenton Times, Newark Star Ledger and Courier Post and posted in the Lobby of the Department of Labor, 1 John Fitch Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

All actions were by unanimous vote unless otherwise specified.

BOARD MINUTES:

Submitted for adoption are the minutes of the February 8, 2023, Board meeting.

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2023, BOARD MEETING.

SECTION A – HEARING MATTERS:

A-1 VACATED APPEALS BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW

1. EDMUND MCCLEARY

BOR DKT. 00270752

Employer appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding no disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily.

2. JOHN CARLUCCI

BOR DKT. 00260179

Claimant's correspondence was processed as an appeal to a decision of the Appeal Tribunal which held the claimant eligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits.

3. KAREN CUNNINGHAM

BOR DKT. 00250132

Claimant's correspondence holding her not ineligible for unemployment benefits was processed as an appeal to the Board of Review.

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASES AS VACATED APPEALS BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

A-2 DISMISSED APPEALS BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW DUE TO UNTIMELY FILING OR FOR NON-JUSTICIABLE APPEAL ISSUE

1. DANIEL LAMAS

BOR DKT. 00270239

Employer appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding no disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the work.

2. JOHN BRIODY

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing his appeal as late without good.

3. ALTAGRACIA ULLOA

BOR DKT. 00269651

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding ineligibility for benefits on the ground that claimant was not unemployed.

4. JORDAN KINSLOW

BOR DKT. 00270238

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the work.

5. OHSUNG SON

BOR DKT. 00237784

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily and a liability to a refund.

6. JAZZMIN WILLINGHAM

BOR DKT. 00240979

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility for benefits under availability for work, an ineligibility for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits and a liability for a refund.

7. KAVON WADE

BOR DKT. 00260121

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal denying the request to vacate a prior dismissal.

8. DAYVON BRINSON

BOR DKT. 00272161

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily.

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASES AS DISMISSED APPEALS BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW DUE TO UNTIMELY FILING OR FOR NON-JUSTICIABLE ISSUE.

A-3 AFFIRMATIONS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW

1. BLAIR GLASS

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant liable for a non-fraud refund.

2. NICOLLE BRITO DIAZ

BOR DKT. 00268368

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal as late without good cause.

3. JENEEN BROWN-WILLIAMSON

BOR DKT. 00271474

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal as late without good cause.

4. ALEXANDER TSALIKHIN

BOR DKT. 00270811

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility for Extended Benefits as the claimant did not establish 20 base week or earn 40 times the weekly benefit rate during the base year period on the claim.

5. MAUREEN POWER

BOR DKT. 00270100

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claim for regular unemployment benefits invalid due to insufficient base weeks or wages, ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons identified in the CARES Act and liability for a non-fraud refund.

6. SAMANTHA THOMAS

BOR DKT. 00271305

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons identified in the CARES Act and liability for non-fraud refund.

7. KATELYN ST. PIERRE

BOR DKT. 00266273

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily and a liability to a non-fraud refund.

8. FRANCESCO CHIRICHELLA

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily, ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons identified under the CARES Act, and liable for a non-fraud refund.

9. HOLLY WICKSTROM

BOR DKT. 00270825

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for benefits under availability for work.

10. GLORIMAR ARNAU

BOR DKT. 00264041

Employer appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding no disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily, no disqualification of benefits for misconduct connected with the work, and no liability for a non-fraud refund.

11. HUNTER THOMAS

BOR DKT. 00269222

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons identified under the CARES Act, and liable for a non-fraud refund.

12. KELVIN RODRIGUEZ ROSS

BOR DKT. 00270950

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal as late without good cause.

13. CYNTHIA GEPHART

BOR DKT. 00271246

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for benefits for failure to meet reporting requirements in accordance with Division regulations.

14. VICKI SIEGEL

BOR DKT. 00258879

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the work, an ineligibility for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits and a liability to a refund.

15. CESAR MAHECHA

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the work and a liability to a refund.

16. KATRINA LEWIS

BOR DKT. 00257345

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility of benefits under not unemployed and a liability to a refund.

17. PERLA JIMENEZ

BOR DKT. 00272045

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons identified in the CARES Act and liability for non-fraud refund.

18. NICHOLAS NOLES

BOR DKT. 00272221

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for misconduct connected with the work.

19. YVETTE PAYNE

BOR DKT. 00263675

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily, ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons identified under the CARES Act, and liable for a non-fraud refund.

20. DIANA LACHIRA

BOR DKT. 00268412

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily.

21. WILLIAM FENNIMORE

BOR DKT. 00263916

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal as late without good cause.

22. PATRICIA MCGAHERAN

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant was not unemployed, disqualified for benefits for refusing to accept or apply for suitable work, and liable for a non-fraud refund.

23. PATRICIA MCGAHERAN

BOR DKT. 00270548

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntary and liable for a non-fraud refund.

24. SUSAN SHRAIM

BOR DKT. 00262849

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the unemployment claim valid and an ineligibility for Extended Benefits.

25. PAUL ROY

BOR DKT. 00270317

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification on benefits for leaving work voluntarily.

26. JACLYN TORRES

BOR DKT. 00270288

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily.

27. SHANICE WHILBY

BOR DKT. 00271069

Employer appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding no disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily, ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons identified under the CARES Act, and not liable for a non-fraud refund.

28. JERRY CLENDENEN

BOR DKT. 00268090

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal through the date of mailing of the determination and holding an ineligibility of benefits under ability to work.

29. MONICA RAMIREZ

BOR DKT. 00267568

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily.

30. MICHAEL BABETSKI

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily, and a liability for a non-fraud refund.

31. LASHONDA BRADLEY

BOR DKT. 00269621

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal as late without good cause.

32. BRANDON TOMAK

BOR DKT. 00270219

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility for unemployment benefits under availability for work, an ineligibility for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons identified under the CARES Act, and liable for a non-fraud refund.

33. LISA SCARPA

BOR DKT. 00301581

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the work.

34. KECIA BURNETT

BOR DKT. 00298248

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the work.

35. KAREN MARTIN

BOR DKT. 00295691

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for Additional Benefits During Training (ABT) after April 24, 2022 as she had completed the program outlined under Workforce Development Program (WDP) contract.

36. LOURDES MALDONADO RAMIREZ

BOR DKT. 00254396

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal as late without good cause.

37. JOHN WALSH

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the work.

38. KATHLEEN SCHEPPS

BOR DKT. 00264506

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) as the claimant's unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons identified under the CARES Act, and a liability for a non-fraud refund.

39. JOSEPH TROTTO

BOR DKT. 00292890

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility for benefits under ability, availability and active search for work and an ineligibility for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits.

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASES AS AFFIRMATIONS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

A-4 MODIFIED AND REMANDED DECISIONS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL OR DEPUTY BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW

1. CHUNGLI TSAI

BOR DKT. 00269903

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons identified in the CARES Act and liability for non-fraud refund.

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASE AS MODIFIED AND REMANDED DECISIONS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL OR DEPUTY TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

A-5 MODIFICATIONS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW

1. TIFFANY SILLS

BOR DKT. 00267006

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for benefits as the claimant had reasonable assurance of reemployment between terms.

2. KATHLEEN PELLICCIA

BOR DKT. 00266825

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal as late without good cause.

3. HERARD EXCELLENT

BOR DKT. 00267773

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits and a liability to a refund.

4. NAZARE PERERIA

BOR DKT. 00262287

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal as late without good cause.

5. CARLA ROBSON

BOR DKT. 00260612

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for benefits as the claimant had reasonable assurance of reemployment between terms, was not unemployed, and liable for a non-fraud refund.

6. MICHAEL TAYLOR

BOR DKT. 00266783

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily, ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons identified in the CARES Act and a liability to a non-fraud refund.

7. HERNAN MELO

BOR DKT. 00263881

Claimant appealed the Appeal Tribunal decision holding the unemployment claim invalid and a liability to a non-fraud refund.

8. MOHAMMAD ARSHAD

BOR DKT. 00254919

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily, ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's unemployment was not due to one of

the COVID-19 related reasons identified in the CARES Act and a liability to a non-fraud refund.

9. ASHLEY BOCK

BOR DKT. 00270571

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily, an ineligibility for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) as the claimant's unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons identified under the CARES Act, and a liability for a non-fraud refund.

10. JULIO LOPEZ CHAVEZ

BOR DKT. 00267733

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal as late without good cause, ineligible for benefits under availability for work and liability for non-fraud refund.

11. FRANCIS FRESCHET

BOR DKT. 00267790

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily and ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons identified in the CARES Act.

12. IMIRRAH MARSHALL

BOR DKT. 00237599

Deputy appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding no ineligibility for unemployment benefits under availability for work and no refund liability.

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASES AS MODIFICATIONS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

A-6 REMANDS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL OR DEPUTY BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW

1. LAZAR BLUMENFELD

BOR DKT. 00270252

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal as late without good cause.

2. LAZAR BLUMENFELD

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal as late without good cause.

3. CAROL CURCIONE

BOR DKT. 00270804

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal as late without good cause and ineligible for benefits under availability for work.

4. FELICIA FARMER

BOR DKT. 00261602

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal denying the request to reopen the matter due to non-registration for the hearing.

5. PRECIOUS POWELL

BOR DKT. 00265313

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal as late without good cause.

6. MAAN AYOUB

BOR DKT. 00271026

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility of benefits under ability to work.

7. ANDREW DE ROGATIS

BOR DKT. 00266200

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the unemployment claim invalid.

8. RAISA GARCIA

BOR DKT. 00270503

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal as late without good cause.

9. JENNIFER NEGRON

BOR DKT. 00254518

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily.

10. LATANYA ELIAS

BOR DKT. 00255402

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily, holding the claimant not unemployed and ineligible for benefits as the claimant had reasonable assurance of reemployment between terms.

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASES AS REMANDS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL OR DEPUTY BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

A-7 REVERSED DECISIONS OF THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL

1. EDUARDO GARCIA

BOR DKT. 00264595

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for misconduct connected with the work.

2. LETICIA ACEVEDO

BOR DKT. 00270770

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification for benefits for refusing suitable work and a liability to a non-fraud refund.

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASES AS REVERSED DECISIONS OF THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL.

A-8 REVERSE DECISION OF THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL AND AFFIRM DEPUTY OR DIRECTOR DETERMINATIONS

1. MARIA RAMIREZ

BOR DKT. 00269346

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal as late without good cause.

2. CARMEN HERRERA

BOR DKT. 00267248

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal as late without good cause.

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASES AS REVERSE DECISION OF THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL AND AFFIRM DEPUTY OR DIRECTOR DETERMINATIONS.