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BOARD OF REVIEW

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW MAY 18, 2022

NANCY HUNT, CHAIRPERSON

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May 4, 2022

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A regular meeting of the Board of Review was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 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 April 20, 2022 Board meeting.

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 2022, BOARD MEETING WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BOR DKT. 00249210, WHICH WAS PLACED ON THIS AGENDA FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

OLD BUSINESS

1. CHARLITTA REDD

BOR DKT. 00249210

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. (THIS CASE WAS PLACED BACK ON THIS AGENDA FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD)

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO REOPEN THE MATTER, SET ASIDE THE VOLUNTARY LEAVING DISQUALIFICATION, AND REMAND THE MATTER OF AVAILABILITY FOR WORK, PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE (PUA), AND NON-FRAUD REFUND TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL FOR ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY FROM THE CLAIMANT REGARDING THOSE ISSUES.

AIDEL WEINTRAUB

BOR DKT. 00251678

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal which denied the claimant's request for a pre-date of an unemployment claim. (THIS CASE WAS TABLED ON MARCH 23, 2022 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD)

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO REVERSE THE DECISION OF THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL, HOLD THE CLAIMANT INELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS FROM MARCH 19, 2020 THROUGH JUNE JUNE 27, 2020 AS THE CLAIMANT'S EARNINGS EXCEEDED THE PARTIAL WEEKLY BENEFIT RATE, REFER THE MATTER OF PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE TO THE DEPUTY FOR AN INITIAL DETERMINATION, AND FOR THE DEPUTY TO REINSTATE CLAIM DATED JUNE 28, 2020.

<u>SECTION A – HEARING MATTERS</u>:

A-1 DISMISSED APPEALS BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW DUE TO UNTIMELY FILING OR FOR NON-JUSTICIABLE APPEAL ISSUE

1. RYAN MOZOLEWSKI

BOR DKT. 00264002

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits to leaving work voluntarily, an ineligibility for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), and a liability for a non-fraud refund.

2. CESAR CABRERA LUDENA

BOR DKT. 00237360

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

3. WILENA SIMMONS

BOR DKT. 00231936

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

4. MILENA ZAPATA

BOR DKT. 00250409

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. JESSICA O'BRIEN

BOR DKT. 00250228

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility for benefits under employed full-time and a liability to a refund.

6. PETER ABDELMASIH

BOR DKT. 00250964

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.

7. DANIA GROSS

BOR DKT. 00254507

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification for benefits for refusing suitable work.

8. IYANNAH WASHINGTON

BOR DKT. 00249370

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

9. RICHARD WIDMER

BOR DKT. 00251796

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the work, a denial of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons, and a liability to a non-fraud refund.

10. STEFANIE DALFONSO

BOR DKT. 0250588

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

11. SYED ISLAM

BOR DKT. 00246455

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

12. KENNETH SWICK

BOR DKT. 00235419

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

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

A-2 AFFIRMATIONS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW

1. RHONDA SMITH

BOR DKT. 00278362

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

2. KAITLYN ZEEB

BOR DKT. 00237976

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.

3. TUYET DE BOO

BOR DKT. 00250285

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the work, a denial of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons, and a liability to a non-fraud refund.

4. OLIVIA HUDDY

BOR DKT. 00251205

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

5. THOMAS SCERBO

BOR DKT. 00250460

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.

6. KERRY CROWLEY

BOR DKT. 00250718

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

7. MATTHEW BABICH

BOR DKT. 00250683

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

8. DONALD INCE

BOR DKT. 00251861

Claimant appealed the 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 non-fraud refund.

9. DIEGO VELAZQUEZ

BOR DKT. 00251807

Claimant appealed the 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 non-fraud refund.

10. KATIANA HERNANDEZ

BOR DKT. 00255156

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.

11. RYAN ANSON

BOR DKT. 00233904

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

12. DYLAN VAN CLEEF

BOR DKT. 00256246

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.

13. MARYEM MEHDI

BOR DKT. 00251007

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

14. MINA GOF BOR DKT. 00256217

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 a liability for a non-fraud refund.

15. DAVID CORRADO

BOR DKT. 00250932

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. EUGENE WILLS

BOR DKT. 00254463

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

17. AJIA BROWN

BOR DKT. 00258774

Claimant appealed the 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 non-fraud refund.

18. BRIAN KUHRT

BOR DKT. 00250968

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

19. MABELYN PADILLA

BOR DKT. 00236610

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

20. SAMANTHA HELMSTETTER

BOR DKT. 00262996

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

21. FRANKLIN DAJER

BOR DKT. 00263560

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and a liability to a refund.

22. JOSHUA VILLALONGO

BOR DKT. 00263374

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

23. ALYSIA SMITH

BOR DKT. 00263549

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.

24. KARYN DAVIS

BOR DKT. 00263412

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

25. HEATHER WOODBRIDGE

BOR DKT. 00263218

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant was not unemployed, and liable for a non-fraud refund.

26. JAELYN USERY

BOR DKT. 00263018

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.

27. HAQUKA FLEMING

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

28. ELINOR HO BOR DKT. 00268967

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal denying a request to vacate a prior decision which dismissed the appeal for non-appearance.

29. ZOE HARRIS-HOHNE

BOR DKT. 00253317

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

30. SHAVONNA LONG

BOR DKT. 00258813

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

31. VERNON DENNISON

BOR DKT. 00281739

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding him ineligible for Extended Benefits.

32. TIFFANY JAMES

BOR DKT. 00251813

Claimant appealed the Appeal Tribunal decision holding the unemployment claim invalid, a denial of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons, and a liability to an agency refund.

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

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

1. AMBER RICE

BOR DKT. 00262981

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.

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THIS CASE AS MODIFICATIONS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS BY THE BOARD OF

REVIEW.

A-4 MODIFY AND REVERSE APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW

1. ANDREW SABLE

BOR DKT. 00234705

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, holding the claimant not unemployed, 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 THIS CASE AS MODIFY AND REVERSE APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

A-5 AFFIRM AND MODIFY DECISIONS OF THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW

1. NICOLE DELA ROSA

BOR DKT. 00262511

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.

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THIS CASE AS AFFIRM AND MODIFY DECISIONS OF THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

A-6 AFFIRMED AND REMANDED DECISIONS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW

1. DOMINICK DALONGES

BOR DKT. 00251569

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

2. DAYANA MARTIN

Claimant appealed the 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 non-fraud refund.

3. MICHAEL OWUSU

BOR DKT. 00250173

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.

4. CYNTHIA CANGRE-RON

BOR DKT. 00263563

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 AFFIRMED AND REMANDED DECISIONS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

A-7 REOPENED AND REMANDED DECISIONS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL

1. LINDA CRESCENZO

BOR DKT. 00245665

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding her ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) and Extended Benefits (EB) as the claimant could have filed a valid claim in the state of New York, and liable for a non-fraud refund.

2. SWALAHA MOHAMED

BOR DKT. 00211281

Employer requested a reopening of a decision of the Board of Review which affirmed the Appeal Tribunal's decision holding no disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the work.

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASES AS REOPENED AND REMANDED DECISIONS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL.

A-8 REMANDS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL OR DEPUTY BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW

1. JESUS QUILES

BOR DKT. 00246159

Employer appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding no disqualification for benefits for misconduct connected with the work.

2. ROBERT JACKEY

BOR DKT. 00249731

Employer appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding no disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the work and no liability to a non-fraud refund.

3. ISMAEL VERAS JEREZ

BOR DKT. 00250097

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.

4. SKYLAR MACKENZIE

BOR DKT. 00250433

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

5. CARMEN PRIETO

BOR DKT. 00249740

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

6. TYASIA MILLER

BOR DKT, 00251184

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

7. MARIA SEVILLANO

BOR DKT. 00250164

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for benefits under active search for work and liability for non-fraud refund.

8. LIZ GARCETE

BOR DKT. 00251152

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

9. TRINA PETTEY

BOR DKT. 00254489

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

10. JASON JABLONSKI

Employer appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding no disqualification for regular benefits and no ineligibility for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits.

11. NYKIRAH MUHAMMAD

BOR DKT. 00258766

Claimant appealed the 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 non-fraud refund.

12. VICTOR HALL

BOR DKT. 00258345

Employer appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding no disqualification for benefits for misconduct connected with the work.

13. GLORIBEL ALMONTE

BOR BKT. 00250770

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

14. SHAKIA ADAMS

BOR DKT. 00263092

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

15. SHAKIA ADAMS

BOR DKT.00247977

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

16. BARBARA MASCOLA

BOR DKT, 00191706

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

17. SELAINY FELIZ

BOR DKT. 00240801

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

18. LIZY CABRERA

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

19. MARTA CARDOSO

BOR DKT. 00250941

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

20. MICHAEL ONLY

BOR DKT.00253518

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

21. KAYLA GREEN

BOR DKT. 00254570

Claimant appealed a denial of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons and a liability for a non-fraud refund.

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

A-9 REVERSED AND REMANDED DECISIONS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL

1. JOHN GARNER

BOR DKT. 00254511

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

2. NASIRA PARVEEN

BOR DKT. 00250463

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 REVERSED AND REMANDED DECISIONS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL.

SECTION B - MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS/CASES FOR DISCUSSION

B-1 RYSHAUN CARNEY

BOR DKT. 00249933

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal on the disqualification of leaving work voluntarily and non-fraud refund as late without good cause, and ineligible 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. (Appellate Specialist Zola)

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO DISMISS THIS CASE AS A LATE APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

B-2 JESUS FERRER

BOR DKT. 00251118

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for benefits under availability for work and liability for non-fraud refund. (Appellate Specialist Alverio)

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO AFFIRM THE DECISION OF THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL, WHICH HELD THE CLAIMANT INELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS UNDER AVAILABILITY FOR WORK AND LIABLE FOR A NON-FRAUD REFUND.

B-3 SYLVIA ASARE

BOR DKT. 00262894

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing appeal under availability for work as late without good cause, and holding the claimant liable for a non-fraud refund. (Appellate Specialist Zola)

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO AFFIRM THE DECISION OF THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL, HOLDING THE CLAIMANT FILED A LATE APPEAL WITHOUT GOOD CAUSE, WITH RESPECT TO THE MATTER OF AVAILABILITY FOR WORK, LIABLE FOR THE NON-FRAUD REFUND, AND REFER THE MATTER OF PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE (PUA) TO THE DEPUTY FOR AN INITIAL DETERMINATION.

B-4 HEATHER DESKO

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility for benefits under employed full-time and a refund liability.

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO REVERSE THE DECISION OF THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL, HOLD THE CLAIMANT WAS FURLOUGHED, DID NOT RECEIVE PAID LEAVE BANK DAYS, AND NOT LIABLE FOR THE NON-FRAUD REFUND.

B-5 BETH WRISTBRIDGE

BOR DKT. 00256170

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing appeal as late without good cause. (Appellate Specialist Zola)

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO TABLE THIS CASE FOR FURTHER REVIEW.