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BOARD OF REVIEW

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

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LISA HART, MEMBER

MARIA ZOLA, ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



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A regular meeting of the Board of Review was held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., via conference call, in Trenton, New Jersey

PRESENT: Nancy Hunt, Chairperson, William Scaglione, Vice-Chairperson, Lisa Hart, Member, 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 August 23, 2023, Board meeting.

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 23, 2023, BOARD MEETING.

SECTION A – HEARING MATTERS:

A-1 VACATED APPEALS BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW

1. ESTATE OF JEFFREY DEMURO

BOR DKT. 00288220

Correspondence from the claimant's estate was processed as an appeal to a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for misconduct connected with the work.

2. BUSHRA AAMER

BOR DKT. 00301353

Claimant's communication was erroneously processed as an appeal to a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility for benefits under not unemployed and a liability to a refund.

3. ISMAEL LOPEZ

BOR DKT, 00313654

Claimant's letter was docketed in error as an appeal to the Board of Review.

4. MILO DEL CAMPO

BOR DKT, 00306125

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. KASIMU SHOMARI

BOR DKT 00293482

Employer's letter was erroneously processed as an appeal to a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding no disqualification of benefits for misconduct connected with the work for a different employer.

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. MARCUS HOLCOMB

BOR DKT. 00284481

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

2. ELIZABETH DEMORE-SCARGLE

BOR DKT. 00283153

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 liable for a non-fraud refund.

3. KATHLEEN FELICETTA

BOR DKT. 00293584

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal which denied the claimant's request for a pre-date of an unemployment claim.

4. YOLANDA WELCH

BOR DKT. 00263177

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

5. YOLANDA WELCH

BOR DKT. 00263175

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

6. MARK STIEH

BOR DKT, 00293923

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility for benefits on the ground that there were insufficient weeks and wages to establish a valid monetary claim.

7. BRUNA FREITAS MELO

BOR DKT. 00319049

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

8. VICTORIA DONOFRIO

BOR DKT. 00319032

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

9. VANESSA SIRNI

BOR DKT. 00318521

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.

10. CLAUDIA MCCAULEY

BOR DKT. 00302021

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

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-3 DENIAL OF REOPENING REQUESTS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW

1. JOSE ROSARIO

BOR DKT, 00239080

Claimant is requesting a reopening of the Board of Review decision, affirming the Appeal Tribunal's decision holding the claimant ineligible for benefits under availability for work, ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits and liable for a refund.

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THIS CASE AS DENIAL OF REOPENING REQUESTS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

A-4 REOPENED BOARD OF REVIEW APPEALS

1. ANTHONY PUGLISI

BOR DKT. 00265198

Claimant is requesting a reopening of the Board of Review decision, affirming the Appeal Tribunal's decision dismissing the claimant's appeal as untimely and there was no good cause for late filing.

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THIS CASE AS REOPENED BOARD OF REVIEW APPEALS.

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

1. PAOLA ZORRILLA CARRION

BOR DKT. 00252283

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

2. FRANCIS BABE

BOR DKT. 286485

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

3. RUSSELL EVANS

BOR DKT. 00281623

Claimant appealed the Appeal Tribunal decision holding the unemployment claim invalid due to no requalifying wages and liability of non-fraud refund.

4. RYAN BRAMICH

BOR DKT. 00281429

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant employed full-time and liability for non-fraud refund.

5. JOSEPH KEISER

BOR DKT, 00286674

The employer appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding no disqualification for benefits for discharge for misconduct connected with the work, and imposing liability for benefit charges.

6. MADELINE AMPARO

BOR DKT, 00288406

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

7. TERRANCE SERRANO

BOR DKT. 00266858

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

8. PAUL TEPPER

BOR DKT. 00290372

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the unemployment claim invalid as the claimant was a corporate officer.

9. TARIN STEWART

BOR DKT. 00279636

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

10. KARISSA DEGENNARO

BOR DKT. 00289493

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

11. JOHN AYALA

BOR DKT. 00291759

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

12. VINCENT COPPOLA

BOR DKT. 00290955

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal which denied the claimant's request for a pre-date of an unemployment claim.

13. RENEE FRANCOIS

BOR DKT. 00294473

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

14. JONIQUA GRASTY

BOR DKT. 00287554

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

15. JUAN NUÑEZ

BOR DKT. 00263246

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant employed full-time and liability to refund.

16. BERNICE GONZALEZ

BOR DKT. 00291899

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

17. JEANNETTE RUIZ

BOR DKT. 00281378

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.

18. DORIS ROBINSON

BOR DKT. 00248378

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

19. ELIZABETH RHODES

BOR DKT. 00285519

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility for benefits for inability to work, disqualification for benefits for voluntarily leaving work without good cause attributable to the work, 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 C.A.R.E.S. ACT, and liability for a non-fraud refund.

20. ANGELICA ORTIZ

BOR DKT. 00280191

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification for unemployment benefits for voluntarily leaving work without good cause attributable to the work, and no liability for charges to employer's experiencing rating account.

21. SHAMUS CAHILL

BOR DKT. 00289660

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal as untimely and there was no good cause for the late filing.

22. JENNIFER FAILS

BOR DKT. 00284729

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal as untimely and there was no good cause for the late filing.

23. EVANGELIA FRANGIAS

BOR DKT. 00284022

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.

24. DIANE RUSIN

BOR DKT. 00263606

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

25. SHAKORA JOHNSON

BOR DKT. 00240176

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification for benefits for refusing suitable work, 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 C.A.R.E.S. Act and a liability to a non-fraud refund.

26. TAKIA FILMORE

BOR DKT. 00319692

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

27. ROBIN ADAMS

BOR DKT. 00291283

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 C.A.R.E.S. Act.

28. MARLENE MIRANDA

BOR DKT. 00268852

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

29. A.C. PRINCE

BOR DKT. 00324266

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) benefits.

30. MICHELLE PRINCE

BOR DKT. 00324268

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) benefits.

31. MARIA VASQUEZ

BOR DKT. 00310563

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

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

A-6 MODIFICATIONS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW

1. VICTOR MARQUEZ

BOR DKT. 00282668

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

2. DOREEN INTINDOLA

BOR DKT. 00248999

Claimant disputed the monetary entitlement in a decision of the Appeal Tribunal.

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

A-7 REOPENED AND REMANDED DECISIONS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL

1. JOSE ROSARIO

BOR DKT. 00252734

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

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THIS CASE AS REOPENED AND REMANDED DECISIONS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL.

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

1. CAMILA CASTRO

BOR DKT. 00290145

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant employed full-time and liability for non-fraud refund.

2. DENISE OWIMRIN

BOR DKT. 00257738

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

3. TREVION EDWARDS THOMAS

BOR DKT. 00290274

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 C.A.R.E.S. Act and liability for non-fraud claim.

4. DASHAUNT MCLEAN

BOR DKT. 00291321

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal for no justiciable issue.

5. ESMOND CHIN

BOR DKT. 00279423

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

6. ALEX SOTO

BOR DKT. 00317561

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a refund liability.

7. GINA MILLIGAN

BOR DKT. 00263321

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

8. FRIDA MARSON

BOR DKT. 00268930

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal as untimely and there was no good cause for the late filing.

9. ANGEL JIMENEZ

BOR DKT. 00268844

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility for benefits for inability to work, 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 C.A.R.E.S. ACT, and liability for a non-fraud refund.

10. CHARLES WILLIAMS, JR.

BOR DKT. 00301343

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

11. CHARLES WILLIAMS, JR.

BOR DKT. 00301347

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

12. BOHDAN CHORNEY

BOR DKT. 00288553

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.

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

A-9 REVERSED DECISIONS OF THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL AND/OR THE DEPUTY BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW

1. MICHAEL EBEID

BOR DKT, 00292789

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

2. LUIS COLCHADO

BOR DKT. 00287904

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility for benefits for failing to report pursuant to Division regulations.

3. KAAMILAH WILLIAMS

BOR DKT. 00286099

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

4. MARIA CRUZ

BOR DKT. 00309002

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

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASES AS REVERSED DECISIONS OF THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL AND/OR THE DEPUTY BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW.