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#### **BOARD OF REVIEW**

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BOARD OF RI

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW June 1, 2022

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#### **BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING June 1. 2022**

#### June 1, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Review was held on Wednesday, June 1, 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 May 18, 2022 Board meeting.

### ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 18, 2022 BOARD MEETING WITH A CORRECTION TO THE DATE OF THE MEETING.

#### <u>SECTION A – HEARING MATTERS:</u>

#### A-1 VACATED APPEALS BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW

**1.** TERRANCE JACKSONBOR DKT. 00176334

Claimant appealed from a failure to pay benefits on his unemployment claim.

2. HUGH GILENSON

Claimant's communication to the Appeal Tribunal was erroneously processed as an appeal to a decision holding the unemployment claim invalid.

## 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 ISSUES

**1.** EDGAR GIL

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.

2. MYESHA COBB

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

**3.** VERNARD CLINKSCALES

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

BOR DKT. 00234670

BOR DKT. 00250674

BOR DKT. 00249172

BOR DKT. 00260782

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## 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 ISSUES.

#### A-3 DENIAL OF REOPENING REQUESTS BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW

**1.** SUGANYA KHANTHAN

Claimant is requesting reconsideration of the Board of Review's decision, affirming the appeal tribunal's decision, holding the Unemployment claim invalid due to insufficient weeks and wages.

2. TRAVIS MCLAY

Claimant is requesting reconsideration of the Board of Review's decision; however, the Board of Review decision was in the claimants favor and the Board ruled through the end of the jurisdictional period in the matter.

**3.** TANYA LEVY

Claimant is requesting reconsideration of the Board of Review's decision, affirming the Appeal Tribunal's decision, holding the claimant ineligible for UI and PUA benefits.

### ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASES AS DENIAL OF REOPENING REQUESTS BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

#### A-4 AFFIRMATIONS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW

**1.** JULIE GARCIA

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

**2.** JILL KORNAS

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the unemployment claim invalid, ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant had no labor market attachment, and liable for a non-fraud refund.

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BOR DKT. 00248562

BOR DKT. 00253343

BOR DKT. 00251681

BOR DKT. 00162034

## **3.** THEA GIQUINTO

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.

4. MUJTABA RANA

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

## **5.** MADISON BRENSINGER

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

## 6. DONNA ROSSI

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

## 7. IVAN LANDER

Employer appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding no disqualification of benefits for refusing suitable work.

8. ENES ERTEK

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, ineligible for benefits under availability for work, and liability for non-fraud refund.

## 9. MADISON MILLER

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

BOR DKT. 00251913

BOR DKT. 00251443

BOR DKT. 00253404

BOR DKT. 00251663

BOR DKT. 00250983

BOR DKT. 00252495

#### **10.** LATONYA HARLEY

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for benefits under ability to work and liable for a non-fraud refund.

#### **11. PATRICIA STAFFORD**

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

#### **12.** JESSICA FELIX

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.

#### **13. ERICA CARMICHAEL**

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

#### **14.** COMFORT ABU

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding claimant ineligible for Pandemic Extended Unemployment Compensation PEUC) and Extended Benefits (EB) as the claimant had sufficient employment in other states to qualify for a regular unemployment claim.

#### **15.** ESTHER WEILL

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

#### **16.** FALISA LEYBA-MARTINEZ

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

#### **17.** BEATA JAMKA

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

#### BOR DKT. 00253832

BOR DKT. 00255136

BOR DKT. 00256794

BOR DKT. 00258061

BOR DKT. 00247026

BOR DKT. 00253382

BOR DKT. 00253818

#### 18. DONNA HAMILL

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant not unemployed, 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 under the CARES Act.

#### **19.** LEAH DIAZ

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.

#### **20.** STEPHEN GLAZEWSKI

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.

### **21.** PATRICK STANCZAK

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for benefits under availability for 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 for a non-fraud refund.

#### **22.** NICOLE TORRES

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

#### **23.** IAN BOYD

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

#### **24.** NINA BROWNFIELD

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.

#### BOR DKT. 00263382

#### BOR DKT. 00228328

#### BOR DKT. 00220518

BOR DKT. 00261943

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BOR DKT. 00283376

BOR DKT. 00235188

#### **25. DAHIANNA BREA DE ARIAS**

BOR DKT. 00265957

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

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

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

**1.** PETER SAMUEL

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

#### 2. CAITLIN BEAULIEU

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

**3.** LYNDA URBANOWICZ

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.

4. ROBIN HARPER

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for benefits under ability to work and a denial of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons.

5. MARCY FELDMAN

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal, of the non-fraud refund, as late without good cause, holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily, 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 a liability to a non-fraud refund.

BOR DKT. 00253656

BOR DKT. 00263960

BOR DKT. 00250901

BOR DKT. 00258174

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

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

1. SHAKARA COLBERT BOR DKT. 00252739

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

#### 2. NINA BROWNFIELD

BOR DKT. 00261887

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.

## ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASES AS AFFIRMED AND REMANDED DECISIONS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

#### A-7 REMANDS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL OR DEPUTY BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW

**1.** ANGEL GONZALES

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

**2.** DEANTHONY BONELLI

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

#### **3.** LAURIE KYDON

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

# BOR DKT. 00251035

BOR DKT. 00251369

#### **4.** JASMINE WELCH

BOR DKT. 00251009

BOR DKT. 00249427

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 to a refund.

5. KIEJE MILLER

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

6. ANGELA CHANDLER-NESMITH SR BOR DKT. 00255131

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.

7. PAUL SANGILLO

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

8. PAUL SANGILLO

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

9. ROBERT DIESE

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.

#### **10. ERNESTO GAMARRA**

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. JOHN PEEL**

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

BOR DKT. 00256496

BOR DKT. 00256494

BOR DKT. 00242002

BOR DKT. 00249133

#### **12.** DENISE DEMAIO

BOR DKT. 00253872

Claimant appealed the Appeal Tribunal decision holding the unemployment claim invalid due to insufficient base weeks and wages.

#### **13.** DIAMOND BROWN

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.

#### **14.** MICHAEL CONOVER

BOR DKT. 00253965

BOR DKT, 00256886

BOR DKT. 00253705

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.

#### **15.** HARROOP BEDI

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.

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

#### A-8 REVERSED DECISIONS BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW

#### **1.** SAMANTHA WEICK

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work with Employer #1 voluntarily, and liable for a non-fraud refund.

#### **2.** JERICE TENEBRUSO

BOR DKT. 00263980

BOR DKT. 00243977

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.

### ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASES AS REVERSED DECISIONS BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

#### SECTION B – MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS/CASES FOR DISCUSSION

#### **B-1** WANDA LAIRD

BOR DKT. 00253590

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claim for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits was invalid due to no labor attachment, and claimant liable for a non-fraud refund. (**Appellate Specialist Zola**)

#### ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO TABLE THIS CASE FOR FURTHER REVIEW OF THE EVIDENCE SUBMITTED. THIS CASE WILL BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA.

#### **B-2** RYAN STAHL

BOR DKT. 00252655

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant liable for a non-fraud refund. (**Appellate Specialist Zola**)

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO REMAND THIS CASE TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL FOR ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY REGARDING THE CLAIMANT'S EMPLOYMENT WITH AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE CLAIMANT IS ELIGIBLE FOR PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE (PUA) BENEFITS.

#### **B-3** JOHN AGYEMANG

BOR DKT. 00253968

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the unemployment claim invalid, 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. (Appellate Specialist Zola)

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO REMAND THIS CASE TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL FOR ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY REGARDING THE LOCALIZATION OF THE CLAIMANT'S EMPLOYMENT AND THE REASON FOR THE JOB SEPARATION.

## **B-4** MARKIAN SILECKY

BOR DKT. 00280870

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant's services localized in another state. (Appellate Specialist Hart)

### ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO AFFIRM THE DECISION OF THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL HOLDING THE CLAIMANT'S SERVICES LOCALIZED IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.