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BOARD OF REVIEW

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW JANUARY 29, 2020

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BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING JANUARY 29, 2020

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A regular meeting of the Board of Review was held on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., in Trenton, New Jersey

PRESENT: Joseph Sieber, Chairman, and Nancy Hunt, Vice-Chairperson, William Scaglione, Board Member, and Shahrazad A. Ledan, Acting Executive Secretary.

In accordance with L1975, c.231, the Chairman 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 January 22, 2020 Board meeting.

ACTION: THE BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2020 MEETING.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. PATRICK BERGIN

BOR DKT. 00183681

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the unemployment claim invalid. (This case was tabled in the meeting of January 22, 2020 to be further discussed in the meeting of January 29, 2020).

ACTION: THE BOARD VOTED TO REVERSE THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISION IN THE CLAIMANT'S FAVOR AND HOLD THE UNEMPLOYOMENT CLAIM VALID.

2. VANESSA MUDALY

BOR DKT. 00191996

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding no disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily, and a disqualification of benefits for refusing suitable work. (**This case was pulled from the affirmations of appeal tribunal decisions category in the meeting of January 22, 2020 to be discussed separately in the meeting of January 29, 2020**).

ACTION: THE BOARD VOTED TO AFFIRM THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISION AND HOLD CLAIMANT NOT DISQUALIFIED FOR VOLUNTARY QUITAND DISQUALIFIED FOR REFUSAL OF SUITABLE WORK.

10:27: THE BOARD VOTED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL ADVICE – DAVID BURGOON CASE. DKT. NO. 00195113

3. DAVID BURGOON

BOR DKT. 00195113

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant not unemployment and liable for refund. (**This case was tabled in the meeting of January 8, 2020 for instruction. Was added to the agenda of January 29, 2020 to discuss further**).

THE BOARD VOTED TO TAKE THIS CASE BACK AND **ACTION: REOPEN AND WRITE AN AMENDED DECISION.** (MODIFY)

10:35: THE BOARD VOTED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND **RESUME THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING.**

4. YOMARY VASQUEZ

BOR DKT. 00196800

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal which held the claimant ineligible for disability during unemployment benefits as the claimant had reasonable assurance of reemployment with an educational institution. (This case was tabled in the meeting of January 22, 2020 to wait for the outcome of the claimant's hearing for Dkt. No.: 00201033 scheduled for January 23, 2020).

THE BOARD VOTED TO MODIFY THE APPEAL **ACTION:** TRIBUNAL DECISION AND SET ASIDE THE PART OF THE DECISION THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL DID NOT HAVE JURISDICTION TO RULE.

SECTION A – HEARING MATTERS

A-1 **DISMISSALS OF LATE APPEALS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW**

1. JORGE VAZQUEZ

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

2. DONNA ALLEN

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

3. FISNIK DABISHEVCI

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

BOR DKT. 00198114

BOR DKT. 00192598

4. ANGELO APOSTOLIS

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

5. NICOLE CLANCY

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

6. PATRICIA SHAUGER

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for benefits under reporting requirements.

7. DAYSHA VANDERBURG

BOR DKT. 00140147

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

ACTION: THE BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPTED THE ABOVE CASES AS DISMISSALS OF LATE APPEALS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

A-2 DENIAL OF REOPENING REQUESTS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW

1. JEFFREY HEMINGWAY

BOR DKT. 00190271

Claimant's attorney requests reconsideration of the Board of Review's decision affirming the Appeal Tribunal's decision denying the request to reopen the matter due to non-registration for the hearing.

ACTION: THE BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASE AS A DENIAL OF REOPENING REQUEST TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

A-3 AFFIRMATIONS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS

1. FRANCIS SWIFT

BOR DKT. 00196011

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

BOR DKT. 00195069

BOR DKT. 00195925

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2. NICOL LIVINGSTON

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

3. ANTONIO BARAJAS

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the appeal timely and holding a period of ineligibility on the ground that the claimant was not available for work and holding the claimant liable for a non-fraud refund.

4. GEORGE MALLOUS

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

5. MICHAEL LIVI

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

6. ALONZO COOPER

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

7.	JOAN	SULLIVAN

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a period of ineligibility as the claimant did not report in accordance with the regulations of the Division.

8. CRYSTAL BARNETT

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

9. SILVIA GUARDADO

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

BOR DKT. 00198107

BOR DKT. 00197922

BOR DKT. 00198279

BOR DKT. 00197437

BOR DKT. 00177330

BOR DKT. 00196512

BOR DKT. 00196929

10. HASSAN MCCOLLUM

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

11. MALLORY GOLDSMITH

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

12. TINAE BROWN

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

13. DARIUS WILLIAMS

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

14. NORMA MORENO

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

15. JENETTE RODRIGUEZ

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

16. NATASHA MOORE

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

17. KRISTA FAIRCLOTH

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

18. SARA ELSHOUBARY

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the appeal filed timely and holding the claimant liable for fraud refund and fraud disqualification.

BOR DKT. 00196210

BOR DKT. 00196693

BOR DKT. 00194991

BOR DKT. 00196973

BOR DKT. 00195000

BOR DKT. 00197150

BOR DKT. 00186018

BOR DKT. 00188166

19. DAVID LEADBEATER

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

20. MARTHA MELVIN

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

21. APRIL DISBROW

Claimant appealed the Appeal Tribunal holding the unemployment claim invalid.

22. VANESSA HERNANDEZ

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification for voluntarily leaving the work without good cause attributable to such work and holding the issue of availability academic.

23. MICHAEL SUGALSKI

Claimant appealed decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the unemployment claim invalid on the ground there were insufficient weeks and wages to establish a valid claim.

24. TRACY YANIAK

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

25. NICKOLAS KIDWELL

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification for leaving the work voluntarily without good cause attributable to such work and holding the issue of ability to work academic.

26. JULIE GRISENTHWAITE BROGLEY BOR DKT. 00196447

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

27. CAROLIN DIAZ-CAMACHO

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

BOR DKT. 00197979

BOR DKT. 00181057

BOR DKT. 00193961

BOR DKT. 00197661

BOR DKT. 00198360

BOR DKT. 00198478

BOR DKT. 00196776

28. ANGELINA CAY

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

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

30. JOHN BROWN

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

31. ASEKA SMITH

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

32. ANTHONY CALABRESE

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

33. MA ANGELA VALES

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding her ineligible for State Plan Disability benefits as the claim was filed untimely.

34. NINA BULLOCK

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

35. CALVIN RICHARDSON

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

36. EMILY CRUZ

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

BOR DKT. 00196165

BOR DKT. 00199946

BOR DKT. 00187092

BOR DKT. 00197464

BOR DKT. 00198829

BOR DKT. 00198461

BOR DKT. 00197303

BOR DKT. 00196636

37. TERRI HOLLEY

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

38. NEDLIE CONYERS

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

39. ANTHONY FEEHAN

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.

40. MANNY ROMAN

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

41. NIKIA MIDDLETON

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

42. ANTHONY JIMENEZ

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for Additional Benefits During Training (ABT).

43. TROY CERVINI

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

44. AKIM WALDEN

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for Additional Benefits During Training (ABT).

45. LEEANN VOSS

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

BOR DKT. 00198645

BOR DKT. 00200158

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BOR DKT. 00199134

BOR DKT. 00198361

BOR DKT. 00199075

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BOR DKT. 00189706

BOR DKT. 00192281

46. PEDRO IRIZARRY

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

47. DANIEL WATKINS

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

48. FRANKIE DUNLOP

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

49. ANTHONY MARTINEZ

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

50. JAMIL JAMES

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

51. CARIE SCHILLACI

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily without good cause attributable to such work and holding the claimant liable for a non-fraud refund.

52. PRAKASHKUMAR PARIKH

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

53. WILLIAM BLADEL

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

54. CHRISTINE GHALY

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

BOR DKT. 00198867

BOR DKT. 00198409

BOR DKT. 00198405

BOR DKT. 00195251

BOR DKT. 00194529

BOR DKT. 00198884

55. DEANDRIA NELSON

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

56. ROZZIER BIGNON

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

57. CHRISTOPHER TORRES

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

58. THOMAS RITTER

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

59. SCOTT THOMPSON

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

THE BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASES **ACTION:** AS AFFIRMATIONS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NUMBER 36 ANTHONY **TUTTLE DKT. NO. 00196156 WHICH WAS REMOVED** FROM THE AFFIRMATIONS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS LIST AND PUT ON THE MISCELLANEOUS CASES FOR DISCUSSTON.

A-4 **REVERSALS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS**

1. CLAUDIA FARRELL

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

2. OSCAR ALVAREZ

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

BOR DKT. 00196070

BOR DKT. 00198367

BOR DKT. 00197532

BOR DKT. 00193621

BOR DKT. 00199325

BOR DKT. 00197224

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

A-5 MODIFICATIONS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS

1. RACHEL KLEIN

BOR DKT. 00190567

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

THE BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASE AS ACTION: A MODIFICATION OF AN APPEAL TRIBUNAL **DECISION.**

REMANDS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL OR DEPUTY A-6

1. JENNIFER QUINN

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

2. CRAIG MARTIN

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

3. SHAWN WHITE

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

4. YVETTE STREETER

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

5. TRACEY HAMMOCK

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.

BOR DKT. 00198331

BOR DKT. 00198276

- BOR DKT. 00195224

BOR DKT. 00197104

6. JUSTINE HERTILIEN

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

7. RAMONA GRULLON ROSA

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

8. LUIS LEIVA

Employer appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding no disqualification for leaving work voluntarily and no disqualification for refusing suitable work.

9. STEVEN GLANZ

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

10. JOHN TAKACS

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

11. FRANCISCA SAIRE

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

THE BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASES **ACTION:** AS REMANDS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL OR THE **DEPUTY. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NUMBER 10 ON** THE LIST, MONIQUE BRENYA DKT. NO. 00194852 WHICH WAS REMOVED FROM THE LIST AND TABLED **UNTIL THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2020 FOR** FURTHER DISCUSSION.

BOR DKT. 00198510

BOR DKT. 00194629

BOR DKT. 00197560

BOR DKT. 00198584

BOR DKT. 00195175

SECTION B - MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS/CASES FOR DISCUSSION

B-1 NATASHA LOVELY

BOR DKT. 00197066

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification for leaving the work voluntarily and holding the appeal timely.

ACTION: THE BOARD VOTED TO TABLE THIS CASE UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE AMENDED DECISION ISSUED BY THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL.

B-2 KAITLYN FLIEDER

BOR DKT. 00196946

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

ACTION: THE BOARD VOTED TO REVERSE THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISION AND HOLD THE CLAIMANT NOT DISQUALIFIED FOR BENEFITS FOR MISCONDUCT CONNECTED WITH THE WORK.

B-3 BRIAN HARRIS, SR.

BOR DKT. 00197180

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

ACTION: THE BOARD VOTED TO REVERSE THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISION AND HOLD THE CLAIMANT NOT DISQUALIFIED FOR BENEFITS FOR LEAVING WORK VOLUNTARILY.

B-4 LAKEITA MCKOY

BOR DKT. 00194300

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a partial voluntary leaving disqualification.

ACTION: THE BOARD VOTED TO TABLE THIS CASE UNTIL THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2020.

11:25: THE BOARD VOTED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL ADVICE – DESIREE WHITSETT CASE. DKT. NO. 00179132

B-5 DESIREE WHITSETT

BOR DKT. 00179132

Claimant appealed the Appeal Tribunal's decision holding a disqualification for benefits for leaving work voluntarily. (**This case is with the Superior Court put into the January 29, 2020 as a Request for Reconsideration from the Superior Court**).

ACTION: THE BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE REMAND FROM THE SUPERIOR COURT.

11:39: THE BOARD VOTED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RESUME THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING.

B-6 ANTHONY TUTTLE

BOR DKT. 00196156

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

ACTION: THE BOARD VOTED TO TABLE THIS CASE UNTIL THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2020.