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BOARD OF REVIEW

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW MAY 19, 2021

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A regular meeting of the Board of Review was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 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 12, 2021 Board meeting.

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2021, AGENDA MEETING.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. LAURA WALLACE

BOR DKT. 00222476

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant not unemployed and a liability for a non-fraud refund. (This case was tabled in the meeting of March 10, 2021 for further consideration.)

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO AFFIRM THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISION.

2. RENEE WILLIAMS

BOR DKT. 00216964

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and liable for a non-fraud refund. (This case was tabled in the meeting of March 31, 2021 for further review of Division records regarding the claimant's certification for benefits.)

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO AFFIRM THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISION.

3. CHRISTINA EBERT

BOR DKT. 00226389

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for refusing suitable work. (**This case was tabled in the meeting of April 28, 2021 for further review.**)

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO AFFIRM THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISION.

4. RODRIGO HERNANDEZ

BOR DKT. 00221113

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily and liable for non-fraud refund. (**This case was decided in the meeting of April 28, 2021. However, it was placed on this agenda for further consideration.**)

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO AFFIRM THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISION.

5. MARIA ENGEL

BOR DKT. 00223277

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant not unemployed. (This case was tabled in the meeting of April 7, 2021 for further review regarding the reason for the claimant's appeal to the Appeal Tribunal.)

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO AFFIRM THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISION.

SECTION A – HEARING MATTERS

A-1 VACATED APPEALS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW

1. ELIZABETH RENAUD

Claimant's communication to the Board of Review was erroneously processed as an appeal to a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding no refund liability.

2. LIANE HASNER

Claimant's letter was erroneously processed as an appeal to the Appeal Tribunal's decision holding the claimant liable for a non-fraud refund.

3. MARIA RAMIREZ

Claimant's correspondence was erroneously processed as an appeal of a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the work, and a liability for a non-fraud refund.

BOR DKT. 00223455

BOR DKT. 00211790

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

A-2 DISMISSALS OF LATE APPEALS OR NO JUSTICIABLE ISSUE TO THE BOARD OF **REVIEW**

1. ROBYN RECTOR-WESLEY BOR DKT. 00233578

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal mailed on 10/24/12 holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the work.

2. THOMAS MCCARROLL BOR DKT. 00214275

Employer appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal which dismissed the employer's appeal as late without good cause.

3. CARLA DEGAGLIA

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

4. MARCIA DE LEON

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

5. QUASHERRA JACKSON

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding her ineligible for regular unemployment benefits under availability for work, ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits under the CARES Act and a liability to a non-fraud refund.

6. SANDRA PERRY

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility for benefits under ability to work, and a liability for a non-fraud refund.

7. NAZAN LAYIK

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

BOR DKT. 00226449

BOR DKT. 00231403

BOR DKT. 00215306

BOR DKT. 00226132

8. ALLYSON WHITE

BOR DKT. 00218161

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. SHAWNE BEEPUT

BOR DKT. 00233134

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. **(Board voted to table this case for further review).**

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE REMAINING CASES AS DISMISSALS OF LATE APPEALS OR NO JUSTICIABLE ISSUE TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

A-3 DENIAL OF REOPENING REQUESTS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW

1. TARA RAPATTONI

BOR DKT. 00212449

Claimant is requesting reconsideration of the Board of Review's decision affirming the Appeal Tribunal's decision which held the claimant disqualified for benefits for leaving work with employer #1 voluntarily without good cause attributable to the work.

2. RAHEEN MELVIN

Claimant is requesting reconsideration of the Board of Review's decision affirming the Appeal Tribunal's decision which held the claimant disqualified for benefits for misconduct connected with the work.

3. ANTHONY GALASSO

Claimant is requesting reconsideration of the Board of Review's decision affirming the Appeal Tribunal's decision which held the claimant ineligible for benefits on the ground that he was not unemployed and liable for a non-fraud refund.

4. MARIEL CUNEO

Claimant is requesting reconsideration of the Board of Review's decision affirming the Appeal Tribunal's decision which held the claimant disqualified for benefits for leaving work voluntary without good cause attributable to the work.

BOR DKT. 00215454

BOR DKT. 00205254

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BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASES AS **ACTION: DENIAL OF REOPENING REOUESTS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW.**

A-4 **REOPENING REQUESTS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW**

1. THERESA RODRIGUEZ

Claimant is requesting reconsideration of the Board of Review's decision affirming the Appeal Tribunal's decision which dismissed the claimant's appeal as late without good cause.

2. MARJANA POLLOCK BOR DKT. 00208813

Claimant is requesting reconsideration of the Board of Review's decision affirming the Appeal Tribunal's decision which held the claimant disqualified for benefits for leaving work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the work.

3. NICOLE GUZZI

Claimant is requesting reconsideration of the Board of Review's decision affirming the Appeal Tribunal's decision which held the claimant disqualified for benefits for refusal of suitable work.

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

A-5 **AFFIRMATIONS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS**

1. LESLIE VANDENBREE

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.

2. MONICA MARSEDEN

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

BOR DKT. 00217131

BOR DKT. 00228571

BOR DKT. 00198657

3. EDWARD JIN

Claimant appealed a 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 (PUC) benefits under the CARES Act, and a liability for a non-fraud refund.

4. BARBARA SPEZIALE

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for benefits under availability for work, ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's, and liable for a nonfraud refund.

5. KRISHNA TYLER

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant not unemployed from June 21, 2020 through June 27, 2020, holding the unemployment claim dated June 21, 2020, valid with a reduced weekly benefit rate and a liability to a non-fraud refund.

6. WILLA FELDER

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility for benefits under availability for work and a liability to a non-fraud refund.

7. BARBARA UBILLUS

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. MARIE BARTOLOMEO

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. DONNA-MARIE JOHNSON

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.

BOR DKT. 00231779

BOR DKT. 00233131

BOR DKT. 00230324

BOR DKT. 00228252

BOR DKT. 00229741

BOR DKT. 00231360

10. SANTOS GARCIA

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.

11. TERESA GRIFFIN

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. MARA CRUWYS

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. (Board voted to remove this case from this category and remand the matter to the Appeal Tribunal for additional testimony from the claimant regarding the impact the pandemic had to her job and business).

13. CHARLES RUIZ

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

14. ROBERTO CARNERO

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

15. ZAKKIYYA PURNELL BOR DKT. 00233484

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily without good cause attributable to such work, ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's unemployment was not caused due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons under the CARES Act, and liable for a non-fraud refund. (Board voted to remove this case from this category and table the matter for further consideration).

16. DURANG ENG

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

BOR DKT. 00233535

BOR DKT. 00233517

BOR DKT. 00232747

BOR DKT. 00233220

BOR DKT. 00233200

17. TAPAN SEN

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. EFRAIN LIZARDO

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility for benefits under availability, a liability to a non-fraud refund, and 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.

19. CARRIE KESSLER

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.

20. FATOUMATA WAGGEH

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

21. PAULINA KIRSHENBAUM

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

22. RONALD SANDS

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

23. RONALD SANDS

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

24. CASILDA MONGE

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

BOR DKT. 00233048

BOR DKT. 00232725

BOR DKT. 00232914

BOR DKT. 00233457

BOR DKT. 00216821

BOR DKT. 00206613

BOR DKT. 00229068

Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons, and holding the claimant liable for a non-fraud refund.

25. JACQUELINE GARCIA

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 liable for a non-fraud refund.

26. JULITTA D'ADAMO

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. JUAN HUACO

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

28. STEVEN CINES

BOR DKT. 00220153

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

BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE REMAINING CASES ACTION: AS AFFIRMATIONS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS.

AFFIRMED AND MODIFIED DECISIONS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS A-6

1. SUSAN HOLLANDER

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a transitional claim invalid and the claimant liable for a refund.

2. NICHOLAS KINTNER

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 non-fraud refund.

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BOR DKT. 00230113

BOR DKT. 00207295

BOR DKT. 00229508

BOR DKT. 00231343

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASES AS AFFIRMED AND MODIFIED DECISIONS OF THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS.

A-7 REVERSALS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS

1. REBIE SPELL

BOR DKT. 00226864

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

2. NERSES CHAPANIAN

BOR DKT. 00222201

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the appeal was late with good cause, and ineligible for benefits under availability for work. (Board voted to modify the Appeal Tribunal decision, reverse the timeliness of the appeal, hold claimant eligible for benefits from March 29, 2020 through June 13, 2020, and ineligible for benefits from June 14, 2020 through October 3, 2020).

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE REMAINING CASE AS REVERSALS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS.

A-8 MODIFICATIONS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS

1. ANDREA LOWERY

BOR DKT. 00229288

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility of benefits under availability for work and a liability to a non-fraud refund.

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

A-9 REMANDS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL OR DEPUTY

1. JOSE VASQUEZ RECAREY

BOR DKT. 00228650

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

2. MANDEL WILLIAMS

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 no disqualification of benefits for refusing suitable work.

3. ATIVA BOGLE

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

4. KIERSTYN SOTO

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

5. EUNA CHO

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.

6. PAIGE VIRGIN

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

7. JOSEPH PAVILL

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

8. JINNY CHOI

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

BOR DKT. 00229259

BOR DKT. 00233452

BOR DKT. 00232724

BOR DKT. 00233493

BOR DKT. 00233157

BOR DKT. 00231824

9. DANIEL DODD

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding him disqualified for benefits for leaving work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the work and liable for a non-fraud refund. (Board voted to affirm the voluntary leaving disqualification and remand the matter to the Appeal Tribunal for testimony from the claimant regarding his subsequent periods of employment and wages with other employers).

10. RICHARD KREUSCH

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding him liable for refund due to the receipt of a Workers' Compensation award.

11. LINDSEY KELLY

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding her discharged for misconduct connected with the work and liable for a non-fraud refund.

12. KEITH PHILLIPS

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

13. ALEXANDRA QUINTANA

Claimant appealed a denial of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits and a liability for a non-fraud refund.

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

A-10 REVERSE AND REMANDED APPEALS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL

1. JONATHAN TAVAREZ

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

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASE AS REVERSE AND REMANDED APPEALS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL.

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BOR DKT. 00240367

BOR DKT. 00233146

BOR DKT. 00230946

BOR DKT. 00207400

BOR DKT. 00232640

SECTION B - MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS/CASES FOR DISCUSSION

B-1 RAMON GARCIA

BOR DKT. 00220286

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily. (**Appellate Specialist Zola**)

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

B-2 KRISTI KIDD

BOR DKT. 00233078

Claimant appealed denial of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons, and liable for refund. (**Appellate Specialist Matos**)

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO AFFIRM THE APPEAL DECISION AND ADD TO THE AFFIRMATION THAT THE CLAIMANT BONA-FIDE OFFER OF WORK WAS NOT RESCINDED BY THE EMPLOYER. RATHER, THE CLAIMANT DECLINED THE OFFER OF WORK.

B-3 MADELINE DE JESUS

BOR DKT. 00227883

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. (Appellate Specialist Matos)

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO TABLE THIS CASE IN ORDER TO RE-MAIL THE TIMELINESS LETTER TO THE CLAIMANT AT THE CURRENT ADDRESS.

B-4 CHARLES CALY

BOR DKT. 00232948

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal which held the claimant ineligible for extended benefits. (Appellate Specialist Matos)

ACTION: BOAD VOTED TO REMAND THIS CASE TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL TO ADDRESS WHETHER THE CLAIMANT FILED A TIMELY APPEAL, AND WHETHER THE CLAIMANT IS ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS FROM APRIL 26, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 6, 2020.