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**BOARD OF REVIEW** 

# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW May 27, 2020

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#### **BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING MAY 27, 2020**

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A regular meeting of the Board of Review was held on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., via conference call, in Trenton, New Jersey

**PRESENT:** Joseph Sieber, Chairman, Nancy Hunt, Vice-Chairperson, William Scaglione, Member, Sharahzad 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 May 20, 2020 Board meeting.

# ACTION: THE BOARD VOTED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2020 OPEN PUBLIC MEETING.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**1.** LESLEY BARRINGTON

BOR DKT. 00206092

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal as late without good cause attributable to such work. (**This case was tabled in the meeting of May 20, 2020 to be further discussed in the meeting of May 27, 2020**).

# ACTION: THE BOARD VOTED TO TABLE THIS CASE UNTIL THE MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2020 TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR APPELLATE SPECIALIST TO REVIEW THE MERITS OF THE CASE.

### **2.** BRANDON HIGGINS

BOR DKT. 00205056

Employer appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding no disqualification for benefits for misconduct connected with the work. (**This case was tabled in the meeting of May 20, 2020 to be further discussed in the meeting of May 27, 2020**).

ACTION: THE BOARD VOTED TO TABLE THIS CASE UNTIL THE MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2020 TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR THE APPELLATE SPECIALIST TO REVIEW THE MERITS OF THE CASE.

### SECTION A – HEARING MATTERS

#### A-1 WITHDRAWAL OF APPEALS

**1.** ANNMARIE ESPOSITO-MIRANDA

BOR DKT. 00205744

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

#### THE BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASE AS **ACTION:** A WITHDRAWAL OF AN APPEAL.

#### A-2 VACATED APPEALS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW

**1.** JOAN GINCLEY

BOR DKT. 00164842

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

#### THE BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASE AS A ACTION: VACATED APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

#### A-3 **DISMISSALS OF LATE APPEALS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW**

**1.** OLGA FERREIRA

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

**2.** PATRICIA INCOLLINGO

Claimant appealed decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing her appeal of the Director's determination as it was filed late without good cause.

3. EVELYN RICHARDSON-SCOTT

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

BOR DKT. 00203766

BOR DKT. 00204651

#### 4. STEVEN WILSON

The claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal which held the claimant disqualified for benefits for leaving work voluntarily and a non-fraud refund liability.

#### **5.** AMBAR HICHEZ

The claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding her disqualified for misconduct connected with the work.

### 6. SHERISHA OGUJE

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

#### THE BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASES **ACTION:** AS DISMISSALS OF LATE APPEALS TO THE BOARD OF **REVIEW.**

#### A-4 **AFFIRMATIONS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS**

**1.** ALTICE WILLIAMS

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

**2.** LYNN SCHROEDER

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

**3.** MICHAEL VIGILANTE

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

4. REGINA CLINE

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

BOR DKT. 00192109

BOR DKT. 00192411

BOR DKT. 00203290

BOR DKT. 00198013

BOR DKT. 00203641

BOR DKT. 00203931

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**5.** AGUSTIN CRESPO

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility of benefits under Additional Benefits during Training.

6. HEATHER PAVLIC

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

**7.** JAMES FABREGAS

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

8. JULIO ARIAS

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

9. DIANA GOODE

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

**10.** KELSEY HAAS

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

**11.** THERESA DELONG

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

**12.** RACHEL O'NEILL

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

**13.** EMMANUEL DONKOR

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility of benefits for ABT.

BOR DKT. 00204865

BOR DKT. 00203288

BOR DKT. 00203561

BOR DKT. 00203086

BOR DKT. 00206282

BOR DKT. 00205826

BOR DKT. 00203737

BOR DKT. 00201773

# **14.** AMANEE BRADFORTH

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification for benefits for misconduct connected with the work and full-time student disqualification.

**15.** SOUZAH HANNA

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

#### **16. JASON WARREN**

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

### **17.** ALANA WHITE

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

# **18. JENNIFER POLANCO**

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

### **19.** STEPHEN TREMBLEY

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

### **20.** PIERRE BONURA

Claimant appealed decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the appeal of the Deputy's determination as the appeal was filed late without good cause attributable to such work.

### **21.** RENEE PREDMORE

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

BOR DKT. 00205315

BOR DKT. 00205682

BOR DKT. 00205006

BOR DKT. 00205071

BOR DKT. 00205073

BOR DKT. 00202359

BOR DKT. 00201863

### **22.** DEBRA ALMEIDA

Claimant appealed decision of the Appeal Tribunal which held her disqualified for benefits on the ground that the claimant refused an offer of suitable work without good cause.

#### **23.** DEBRA ALMEIDA

Claimant appealed decision of the Appeal Tribunal which held her disqualified for benefits on the ground that the claimant left the work voluntarily without good cause attributable to such work.

#### **24.** LEVINA FERGUSON

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

**25.** SHELLEY CONNOLLY

The employer appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal which held no disqualification for benefits for misconduct connected with the work.

#### **26.** NADIN BABAYAN

The claimant filed an appeal to a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily.

#### **27. MICHAEL DOUGLAS**

The claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification for misconduct connected with the work.

#### **28.** WILLIAM CATINO

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

29.	AMARJIT	KAINTH
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The claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant disqualified for misconduct connected with the work.

**30.** WILLIAM KERSTNER

The claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification for misconduct connected with the work.

#### BOR DKT. 00205656

BOR DKT. 00205655

BOR DKT. 00175710

# BOR DKT. 00205427

BOR DKT. 00205351

BOR DKT. 00206060

BOR DKT. 00206318

BOR DKT. 00204926

# **31.** CARLOS CORAL

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

#### **32. MARITZA GLASS**

The claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding her unavailable for work and liable for a non-fraud refund.

#### **33.** KRISTINA VARELA

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

### **34.** KATHRYN ERCOLANI

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

#### **35. FRANK COPPOLA**

The claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a period of ineligibility for failing to comply with reporting requirements and for not actively seeking work.

### **36.** JAMES GOMEZ

The claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal which held him ineligible for Additional Benefits During Training when his full-time attendance ended.

### **37.** STEVE FELICE

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

#### **38.** MATTHEW KSIEZOPOLSKI

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

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### BOR DKT. 00203874

BOR DKT. 00205689

BOR DKT. 00203628

BOR DKT. 00206623

BOR DKT. 00206296

BOR DKT. 00205402

BOR DKT. 00206122

#### **39.** REINALDO MENDEZ

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

**40.** ROBERT GILLMAN

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding that wages subsequent to a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily are insufficient to remove the disqualification.

### **41.** DANA WALLS

BOR DKT. 00205106

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

# ACTION: THE BOARD VOTED TO REMOVE FROM THE AFFIRMATIONS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS LIST #41 DANA WALLS. UPON FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE BOARD VOTED TO REMAND THIS CASE BACK TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL FOR FURTHER TESTIMONY. THE BOARD THEN VOTED TO ACCEPT THE REMAINING 40 CASES AS AFFIRMATIONS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS.

# A-5 REVERSALS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS

**1.** GLENNY PEREZ

BOR DKT. 00205286

The claimant filed an appeal to a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for misconduct connected with the work.

**2.** DIASHA WOODS

BOR DKT. 00204001

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

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

BOR DKT. 00204901

#### A-6 MODIFICATIONS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS

**1.** DONNA PRYOR

BOR DKT. 00199553

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

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

#### A-7 **REMANDS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL OR DEPUTY**

**1.** DENNIS CHHIM

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding him ineligible for benefits as he was unavailable for work.

**2.** MIA MCDONALD

Employer appeals the decision of the Appeal Tribunal which dismissed the case without prejudice.

**3.** MARIA RODRIGUEZ

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

**4.** LEKISHA COUSINS

Employer is appealing the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding no disqualification of benefits under voluntary leaving or misconduct.

**5.** MARGOT LISCHIN

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

**6.** JOSE FELICIANO

Employer appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding no disqualification for discharge from the work.

BOR DKT. 00205730

BOR DKT. 00207067

BOR DKT. 00205177

BOR DKT. 00194409

BOR DKT. 00199628

### **7.** DIANA GUTIERREZ

The claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal which held her ineligible for benefits on the ground that she was employed full-time and liable for a nonfraud refund.

8. JAIRO PARRA

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

**9.** BOZENA JOZWIK

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

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

# **SECTION B - MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS/CASES FOR DISCUSSION**

**B-1** KONSTANTINE MAKRYGIANNIS BOR DKT. 00204902

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: THE BOARD VOTED TO REMAND THIS CASE FOR THE APPEALS EXAMINER TO EXPLORE THE FMLA INCONSISTENCIES AS TESTIFIED BY THE CLAIMANT.

### **B-2** TAURIA CHESTNUT

BOR DKT. 00203939

The claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility under ABT for self-enrolling.

BOR DKT. 00206151

BOR DKT. 00209637

ACTION: THE BOARD VOTED TO REMAND THIS CASE TO HAVE THE DEPUTY MAKE CORRECTIONS AND TO EXPAND ON THE RECORD.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- 10:32 THE BOARD VOTED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL ADVICE.
- 10:33 THE BOARD VOTED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RESUME THE REGULAR OPEN PUBLIC MEETING. AT WHICH TIME A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SCAGLIONE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AND SECONDED BY MS. HUNT, THE MEETING WAS THEN ADJOURNED.