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**BOARD OF REVIEW** 

# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW October 27, 2021

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### **BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING OCTOBER 27, 2021**

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A regular meeting of the Board of Review was held on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., via conference call, in Trenton, New Jersey

PRESENT: Nancy Hunt, Chairperson, William Scaglione, Vice-Chairperson, Andrea Jackson, 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 October 13, 2021 Board meeting.

# ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2021 BOARD MEETING WITH THE EXCEPTIONS OF DOCKET# DKT00241814, SECTION A-4 ITEM 11, AND DOCKET #DKT00244042, SECTION B ITEM B-5. THESE TWO ITEMS WERE REMOVED TO CONSIDER NEW CORRESPONDENCE.

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

**1.** LAYEK HUSAN

BOR DKT. 00237420

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, not ineligible under availability for work, and not liable for a non-fraud refund. (**This case was tabled in the meeting of September 1, 2021 to send correspondence to the employer to determine why the employer failed to register and participate in the continued hearing.**)

ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO AFFIRM THE DECISION OF THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL AS THE EMPLOYER FAILED TO RESPOND TO THE CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE REASON THEY FAILED TO REGISTER AND PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTINUED HEARING.

#### **2.** SABLE WASHINGTON

BOR DKT. 00240436

Employer appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant not ineligible for benefits under availability for work, eligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's unemployment was due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons identified under the CARES Act, and not liable for a non-fraud refund. (**This case was tabled in the meeting of September 1, 2021 to send correspondence to the employer to determine why the employer failed to register and participate in the hearing.**)

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## **3.** BARBARA VERNACCHIA

BOR DKT. 00238819

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits and liable for a non-fraud refund. (**This case was tabled in the meeting of August 18, 2021 pending further review. Placed on this agenda for further discussion by the Board.**)

# ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO TABLE THIS CASE TO GIVE THE DEPUTY AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE LOCALIZATION ISSUE.

**4.** JENNIFER PETRISKO

BOR DKT. 00242117

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 a liability for a non-fraud refund. (This case was tabled in the meeting of October 13, 2021 pending further review. Placed on this agenda for further discussion by the Board.)

# ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO REMAND THIS CASE TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL FOR ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY REGARDING THE LOCALIZATION OF SERVICES. THE AUDITOR WILL BE ADDED TO THE DOCKET TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING.

# 5. ERIC POOLER

BOR DKT. 00241814

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. (This case was affirmed in the meeting of October 13, 2021. Placed on this agenda for further review from the Board.)

# ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO REMAND THIS CASE TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL TO CONSIDER NEW EVIDENCE.

# 6. HAROLD KRAMER

BOR DKT. 00242560

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant liable for a non-fraud refund. (This case was tabled in the meeting of October 13, 2021 to contact the Deputy to adjudicate the claimant's entitlement to pandemic unemployment assistance (PUA) benefits on the claim dated March 15, 2021.)

# ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO DISMISS THE CLAIMANT'S APPEAL AS NO BENEFIT DISPUTE DUE TO THE DEPUTY'S RE-DETERMINATION.

7. JOHN WALSH

BOR DKT. 00244042

Employer appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding no disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the work. (**The Board voted to affirm the Appeal Tribunal decision in the meeting of October 13, 2021. This case is placed back on this agenda for further discussion by the Board.**)

# ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO REMAND THIS CASE TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL TO CONSIDER NEW CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE CLAIMANT.

# SECTION A – HEARING MATTERS

# A-1 WITHDRAWAL OF APPEALS

**1.** KARYN LEWIS

BOR DKT. 00245007

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 CASE AS A WITHDRAWAL OF AN APPEAL.

# A-2 VACATED APPEALS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW

**1.** JENNIFER FRATIANNI

BOR DKT. 00247752

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

**2.** STEPHEN SMILEY BOR DKT. 00241553

Claimant appealed, in error, the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant not unemployed from July 26, 2020 through August 15, 2020.

**3.** EVELYN JIMENEZ

BOR DKT. 00242776

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant not ineligible for benefits under availability for work.

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

# A-3 DISMISSALS OF LATE APPEALS AND NON-JUSTICIABLE ISSUES TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW

1. CHRISTINA BLANKENSHIPBOR DKT. 00243152

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

**2.** MARQUIS HART

BOR DKT. 00243172

BOR DKT. 00214688

BOR DKT. 00217286

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

**3.** MONICO STANISLAO

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

4. VIOLA HENSON

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

# **5.** LEEANNA CHRISTIAN

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 denial of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons.

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Claimant appealed, in error, a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant eligible for benefits under availability for work.

#### 7. WILLIAM BARKSDALE

Claimant appealed a denial of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant does not have a recent labor market attachment.

**8.** WILLIAM BARKSDALE

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

#### 9. CHRISTOPHER ROGERS

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

# **10.** REHAM SAAD

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

**11.** KASHIF HAQUE

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

#### **12.** KATHERINE POLANCO MENDEZ

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily and ineligibility for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

#### BOR DKT. 00242669

BOR DKT. 00240985

BOR DKT. 00240165

BOR DKT. 00240163

BOR DKT. 00242830

BOR DKT. 00214331

BOR DKT. 00245075

# ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASES AS DISMISSALS OF LATE APPEALS AND NON-JUSTICIABLE ISSUES TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

#### A-4 REOPENING REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION TO THE BOARD

1. MOSES NNADO

BOR DKT. 00233024

BOR DKT. 00244815

BOR DKT. 00244368

BOR DKT. 00244581

BOR DKT. 00244008

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.

# ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO REOPEN THE ABOVE CASE AND REVIEW THE MATTER. THIS CASE WILL GO ON A FUTURE AGENDA TO ADDRESS THE OUTCOME OF THE CASE.

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

**1.** KRISTOPHER KULICK

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 an agency refund.

**2.** FREDERICK STEARN

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.

**3.** ESPERANZA ESPINAL

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.

4. BHARRAT PERSAUD

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

# 5. MARCOS RODRIGUEZ

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

6. CHARMAINE BLAIR

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for Extended Benefits (EB).

7. ESRA HESTER

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

8. JOEL CHECO-AZCONA

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 liability for refund.

# 9. PAUL FORSELL

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

10. SABA SYED

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 benefits and a liability to a non-fraud refund.

**11. ALEXANDROS STRATIS** 

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

BOR DKT. 00243753

BOR DKT. 00239817

BOR DKT. 00239195

BOR DKT. 00243793

BOR DKT. 00244431

# BOR DKT. 00243798

# **12.** JOHN FITZPATRICK

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 liability for non-fraud refund.

## **13.** HALIMA BEGUM

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

#### **14. SHANTE DIGGS**

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.

#### **15. ARIELLA MCCALL**

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.

#### **16. JUDITH ANDERSON**

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily, an ineligibility for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and a liability to a non-fraud refund.

**17.** SYLVIA SNELL

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

#### **18.** BRYON WRIGHT

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

#### **19.** RAVEN OUIÑONES

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.

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BOR DKT. 00230139

BOR DKT. 00245167

BOR DKT. 00299531

BOR DKT. 00244631

# BOR DKT. 00242767

BOR DKT. 00246083

BOR DKT. 00225047

## **20.** ANTHONY WOJCIK

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility of benefits under employed full-time and availability for work and ineligibility for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits. The claimant also appealed the Appeal Tribunal's decision holding a liability to a non-fraud refund.

# **21. WILLIAM MATERA**

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 non-fraud refund.

# **22.** GERI SILEO

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

#### 23. RUBIN CLARK

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

# **24.** LESLIE HUNTER

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant may be eligible for unemployment benefits in another State and liability for nonfraud refund.

# **25.** KRISHNABEN RANA

Employer appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding no disqualification of benefits for refusing suitable work, ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits on the ground that the claimant's unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons identified under the CARES Act, and not liable for a non-fraud refund.

# **26. SHEA MCKEEN**

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

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BOR DKT. 00244717

BOR DKT. 00245168

BOR DKT. 00245178

BOR DKT. 00245390

BOR DKT. 00244421

BOR DKT. 00238139

# **27.** CHRISTINA RADOSTI

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 unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons identified under the CARES Act, and liable for a non-fraud refund. This is a companion case with docket number DKT00244486.

# **28.** CHRISTINA RADOSTI

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 unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons identified under the C.A.R.E.S. Act, and liable for a non-fraud refund.

#### **29.** ZAINATOU GOMGNIBOU

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

#### **30.** LUDOVICO ORIENTE

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

**31. JESSICA MCCALLEY** 

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

#### **32.** ALECK SILVA

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 an agency refund.

#### **33.** ALECK SILVA

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

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BOR DKT. 00242610

BOR DKT. 00243133

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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.

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# **34.** JANAE GIDDENS

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily, imposing ineligibility for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and a liability to a non-fraud refund.

# **35.** CHRISTINA OWENS

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for benefits as the claimant had reasonable assurance of reemployment between terms and liable for a non-fraud refund.

## **36.** LATOYA HOPPS

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.

#### **37.** JACOB LEITMAN

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

#### **38.** CASEY RECH

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 an agency refund.

#### **39.** NURUL AFSAR

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

# **40.** RYAN HILL

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

# BOR DKT. 00243695

# BOR DKT. 00243538

#### BOR DKT. 00244941

BOR DKT. 00243887

# BOR DKT. 00227858

BOR DKT. 00240151

# **41. NICOLE CANETE**

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

**42.** EBONEY MOBLEY

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

#### **43.** RACHEL PHELAN

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily and insufficient subsequent employment to remove such disqualification.

# **44.** MELISSA BRADY

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 for a non-fraud refund. (Board voted to table this case for further review).

# **45.** MERY JAQUEZ

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

#### **46.** MASSIMILIANO CARPINTERI

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal dismissing the claimant's appeal, regarding his eligibility for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits and availability for work, as late without good cause through 10/24/20 and the claimant was liable for a non-fraud refund.

# **47.** ALEX ESPINOZA

Claimant appealed a 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 under the C.A.R.E.S. Act, and liable for a non-fraud refund. (Board voted to remove this case from the affirmed category to the remand category because there is need for additional testimony from the claimant regarding

BOR DKT. 00242019

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when he removed himself from the employer's software system that is used to obtain work).

# 48. DEYDANIA GIL ZORILLA

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding claimant ineligible for PUA. (Board voted to remove this case from the affirmed category to the dismissed category because the claimant's appeal to the Board of Review was late without good cause).

**49.** NANCY PRESS

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

**50.** NANCY PRESS

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

**51.** NANCY PRESS

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

# **52.** JAMES MCKINLEY

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

# ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE REMAINING 49 CASES AS AFFIRMATIONS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS.

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

1. JULIANE CALABRIA

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.

BOR DKT. 00244982

BOR DKT. 00244981

BOR DKT. 00244983

BOR DKT. 00247752

BOR DKT. 00244375

# 2. ANEESAH JOHNSON

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

**3.** JENNA USTARROZ

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 the claimant liable for a non-fraud refund.

4. CARL VITALE

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding no disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the work, ineligible for benefits under availability for work, eligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's unemployment was due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons and a liability to a non-fraud refund.

5. AMANDA GILLEY

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.

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

#### A-7 **REVERSALS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS**

1. DESHAWN JACKSON

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

2. DAMION BARRETT

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal 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 under the CARES Act, and liable for a non-fraud refund.

BOR DKT. 00237982

BOR DKT. 00299752

BOR DKT. 00245107

BOR DKT. 00244220

BOR DKT. 00242737

# **3.** SADUAH CARTER

BOR DKT. 00244428

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. SOPHIA CALISE

BOR DKT. 00243234

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant did not have a labor market attachment, and liable for a non-fraud refund. (Board voted to table this case for further review to determine whether the claimant is eligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits in this state or another state).

# ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE REMAINING 3 CASES AS REVERSALS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS.

# A-8 MODIFICATIONS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS

**1.** PAUL PICCIONE

BOR DKT. 00243529

BOR DKT. 00245278

BOR DKT. 00244683

BOR DKT. 00245101

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

2. JOSE MELENDEZ

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

3. RAJESH GANDHI

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

4. DANIEL CRAFT

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

# **5.** STEPHANIE GALAN

BOR DKT. 00221761

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 C.A.R.E.S. Act. (Board voted to remove this case from the modification category to the affirmed category, because the record supports a voluntary leaving disqualification).

6. SHAKELA YEASMIN

BOR DKT. 00233218

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 REMAINING 5 CASES AS MODIFICATIONS OF APPEAL TRIBUNAL DECISIONS.

# A-9 AFFIRMED AND MODIFIED DECISIONS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW

**1.** KRISTIN STEFANOWICZ

BOR DKT. 00214399

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

# ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO REMOVE THIS CASE FROM THE AFFIRMED AND MODIFIED CATEGORY TO THE REMAND CATEGORY BECAUSE THE RECORD IS INSUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT THE OUTCOME OF THE CASE.

# A-10 MODIFIED AND REMANDED DECISIONS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL

1. AMANDA BEALS

BOR DKT. 00244455

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily, 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 C.A.R.E.S. Act, and liable for a non-fraud refund.

# **2.** MENA SOLIMAN

BOR DKT. 00244219

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant filed a late appeal on the matter of refund without good cause, was ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as his unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons identified under the C.A.R.E.S. Act.

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

# A-11 REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION TO REMAND FROM SUPERIOR COURT

**1.** MICHELLE LOVE

BOR DKT. 00155089

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

# ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO REOPEN THIS CASE AND REMAND THE MATTER TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL AS OUTLINED IN THE COURT REMAND.

# A-12 REMANDS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL OR DEPUTY

1. DARREN O'CONNOR

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

**2.** GREGORIA ROSARIO

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for benefits under employed full-time, availability for work and a liability for non-fraud refund.

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# **3.** GREGORIA ROSARIO

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for benefits under employed full-time, availability for work and a liability for non-fraud refund.

## 4. GULSUM TEKEOGLU

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

#### 5. ALBERTO GONZALEZ

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

#### 6. MEILYN FLORES

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

#### 7. NICOLE BAYNARD

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

8. CAMERON FLAX

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 refund.

#### **9.** ANDREW JOHNSON

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.

#### **10.** ALINA MARTINEZ

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the

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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 refund.

# **11. BRIAN DOHERTY**

BOR DKT. 00233011

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

**12.** IBRIAN NOVAL

Employer appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant not ineligible for benefits under availability, ability, and actively seeking work.

**13. SUZANNE GHONEEM** 

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 a liability for a non-fraud refund.

Employer #2 appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding no disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the work, not ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits, and not liable for a non-fraud refund.

# **15.** TODD RODGERS

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility of benefits under the ability to work and availability for work.

# **16. SABRINA CAPLE**

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

# **17. SARA CILENTE**

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

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BOR DKT. 00246347

BOR DKT. 00236038

BOR DKT. 00243037

BOR DKT. 00244429

**<sup>14.</sup>** NAJIYAH PALMER

### **18. TERI SUNGBEH**

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

#### **19. DENNIS MCMICKLE**

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

#### **20.** FARHANA HOSSAIN

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

### **21. VINCENT MATTEO**

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

#### **22.** FABIAN MARULANDA

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

#### **23.** ROCHEL WEISS

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 denial of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as the claimant's unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons.

#### **24.** EMILY PLATT

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.

# **25.** SELVAGGIA CLARK

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding the claimant liable for a non-fraud refund as the claim for benefits filed as of April 26, 2020, was cancelled.

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BOR DKT. 00245001

BOR DKT. 00244120

BOR DKT. 00243319

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BOR DKT. 00243592

# **26.** MICHAEL CERNIGULIA

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work with employer #1 voluntarily without good cause attributable to the work and a liability to a non-fraud refund.

# **27.** TEKIYAH ROBINSON

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 an agency refund.

#### **28.** JAMES BOZARTH

Employer appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding claimant filed a timely appeal, no disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily, no disqualification of benefits for misconduct connected with the work, and no liability for a non-fraud refund.

#### **29.** JUSTIN GOLDSBERRY

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility of benefits under availability for 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 under the C.A.R.E.S. Act, and a liability for a non-fraud refund.

# **30.** MARK SILVERMAN

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding an ineligibility of benefits under availability for work, ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as her unemployment was not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons identified under the C.A.R.E.S. Act, and liable for a non-fraud refund. (Board voted to remove this case from the remand category to the affirmed and remand category).

# **31.** RENEE DICARLANTONIO

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

# **32.** CARLA FRESCO

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

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BOR DKT. 00231354

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not due to one of the COVID-19 related reasons and a liability for a non-fraud refund.

**33.** MARIA PECORARO

BOR DKT. 00241255

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 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 refund.

# **34.** OSCAR NIEVES

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

# **35.** SOMTOBE ANAMDI

BOR DKT. 00244252

BOR DKT. 00234098

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

# ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE REMAINING 34 CASES AS REMANDS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL OR DEPUTY.

# A-13 REVERSE AND REMANDED APPEALS TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL

**1.** EMILY FRIAS-FELIZ

BOR DKT. 00244852

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

# ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE CASE AS A REVERSED AND REMANDED APPEAL TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL.

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

#### **B-1** ARELIZ PAGEN

BOR DKT. 00239424

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 Alverio)

# ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO REVERSE THE DECISION OF THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL AND HOLD THE CLAIMANT ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS UNDER THE ADDENDUM TO N.J.S.A.43:21-5(a) WITH RESPECT TO SWITCHING JOBS.

# **B-2** FIA TOSCARELLI

BOR DKT. 00245171

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. (**Appellate Specialist Hart**)

# ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO TABLE THIS CASE FOR FURTHER REVIEW.

# **B-3** BRIAN QUILTY

BOR DKT. 00244338

Claimant appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily, ineligible for benefits under availability for 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 liability for non-fraud refund. (**Appellate Specialist Alverio**)

# ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO TABLE THIS CASE FOR FURTHER REVIEW.

# **B-4** LISA MURPHY

Claimant appealed a decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding a disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily, and held 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 under the CARES Act. (Appellate Specialist Zola)

# ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO AFFIRM THE DECISION OF THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL.

## **B-5** ASHLEY CIESLIK

BOR DKT. 00245792

Employer appealed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal holding no disqualification of benefits for leaving work voluntarily and no liability for non-fraud refund. (Appellate Specialist Alverio)

# ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO REVERSE THE DECISION OF THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL AND HOLD THE CLAIMANT DISQUALIFIED FOR BENEFITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A.43:21-5(a) BECAUSE THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT UNEQUIVOCAL MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION TO ESTABLISH THAT THE WORK CAUSED OR AGGRAVATED THE CLAIMANT'S MEDICAL CONDITION.

# **B-6** BRIAN OLIVEIRA

BOR DKT. 00241000

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

# ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO DISMISS THE CLAIMANT'S APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW AS A LATE APPEAL AND ADD AN ADDITIONAL STATEMENT ADDRESSING THE CLAIMANT'S CONTENTIONS IN RELATION TO ANOTHER DOCKET.

# SUPPLEMENTAL CASE:

1. GABRIELLA PAVON

BOR DKT. 00231503

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 pension reduction.

# ACTION: BOARD VOTED TO REMAND THIS CASE FOR ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY FROM THE CLAIMANT REGARDING HER AVAILABILITY, ABILITY AND ACTIVE SEARCH FOR WORK, REGARDING HER PENSION AND WHETHER SHE IS ELIGIBLE FOR PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE (PUA) BENEFITS.