

EMPLOYMENT APPEALS BOARD DECISION
2019-EAB-0924

Order No. 19-UI-132286 Affirmed – No Disqualification
Order No. 19-UI-135423 Affirmed – Request to Reopen Denied

PROCEDURAL HISTORY: On February 21, 2019, the Oregon Employment Department (the Department) served notice of an administrative decision concluding the employer discharged claimant for misconduct (decision # 121936). Claimant filed a timely request for hearing. On March 18, 2019, the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) mailed notice of a hearing scheduled for April 1, 2019. On April 1, 2019, ALJ Seideman convened a hearing and continued it to another date. On April 3, 2019, OAH mailed notice of the continued hearing scheduled for April 15, 2019. On April 15, 2019, ALJ Seideman conducted a hearing, and on April 23, 2019 issued Order No. 19-UI-128622, affirming the Department's decision. On May 3, 2019, claimant filed an application for review with the Employment Appeals Board (EAB). On June 6, 2019, EAB issued EAB Decision 2019-EAB-0435, reversing and remanding this matter to OAH.

On June 18, 2019, OAH mailed notice of a remand hearing scheduled for June 25, 2019. On June 25, 2019, ALJ M. Davis conducted a hearing at which the employer failed to appear, and on June 26, 2019 issued Order No. 19-UI-132286, reversing decision # 121936 and concluding that claimant's discharge was not for misconduct. On July 12, 2019, the employer filed a timely application for review of Order No. 19-UI-132286 and a timely request to reopen the June 25th hearing. On August 1, 2019, OAH mailed notice of a hearing scheduled for August 14, 2019.

On August 6, 2019, the OAH mailed notice of a rescheduled hearing for August 21, 2019. On August 21, 2019, ALJ M. Davis conducted a hearing on the employer's reopen request, and on August 22, 2019, issued Order No. 19-UI-135423, denying the employer's request. On September 11, 2019, the employer filed an application for review of Order No. 19-UI-135423 with EAB.

This matter is before EAB on the employer's timely applications for review of both Order No. 19-UI-132286 and Order No. 19-UI-135423.¹ Pursuant to OAR 471-041-0095 (May 13, 2019), EAB consolidated its review of those orders. For case-tracking purposes, this decision is being issued in duplicate (EAB Decisions 2019-EAB-0872 and 2019-EAB-0924).

EAB reviewed the entire hearing records and both of the employer's arguments. While the ALJ might have asked additional questions of the employer concerning their failure to appear at the June 25th hearing, as suggested in the employer's representative's argument, the record established that the employer knew a hearing was going to be scheduled and left town for over a week without notifying OAH that they would be unavailable for a hearing during that time, and without arranging for others to handle their time sensitive mail regarding the hearing. Additional evidence would not alter the existence of those circumstances, which support the conclusion reached in Order No. 19-UI-135423 that the employer did not have good cause to reopen the hearing.

The employer also alleged the ALJ erred by failing to allow the employer the opportunity to provide additional evidence about claimant's work separation at the August 21st reopen hearing. However, because the employer did not have good cause to reopen the hearing, the employer was not entitled to present additional evidence at that hearing. The ALJ did not err in that respect. Absent a showing of good cause to reopen the hearing, EAB may not consider the additional evidence the employer provided in its arguments concerning the work separation. *See* ORS 657.270; ORS 657.275(2); OAR 471-041-0090. To the extent the employer's arguments were based upon the record developed at the April 1st, April 15th, and June 25th hearings, EAB has reviewed the entirety of the hearing record and concluded there is insufficient evidence of misconduct. Particularly significant was a comparison of claimant's demeanor in the surveillance videos in evidence to the employer's description of her demeanor at the time of her work separation and arrest; the videos do not support the employer's allegations about claimant's behavior or demeanor. The videos, and totality of the evidence in this record, support the conclusion reached in Order No. 19-UI-132286 that claimant's discharge was not for misconduct.

On *de novo* review and pursuant to ORS 657.275(2), Order No. 19-UI-132286 and Order No. 19-UI-135423 are **adopted**.

DECISION: Order No. 19-UI-132286 and Order No. 19-UI-135423 are affirmed.

J. S. Cromwell and D. P. Hettle;
S. Alba, not participating.

DATE of Service: October 3, 2019

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¹ No additional evidence was taken on the discharge issue at the August 21st hearing because the employer was not entitled to reopen the June 25th merits hearing. Our review of the discharge issue is based upon review of the record of the April 1st, April 15th, and June 25th hearings.

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Traditional Chinese

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Khmer

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Laotian

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