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EMPLOYMENT APPEALS BOARD DECISION 2025-EAB-0056

Application for Review Dismissed No Justiciable Controversy

PROCEDURAL HISTORY: On July 15, 2024, the Oregon Employment Department (the Department) served notice of an administrative decision concluding that claimant quit working for the employer without good cause and was disqualified from receiving benefits effective June 16, 2024 (decision # L0005222063).¹ Claimant filed a timely request for hearing. On November 27, 2024, notice was mailed to the parties that a hearing had been scheduled for December 11, 2024. On December 11, 2024, claimant failed to appear for the hearing, and ALJ Strauch issued Order No. 24-UI-276336, dismissing the request for hearing due to claimant's failure to appear. On December 11, 2024, claimant filed a timely request to reopen the hearing. On January 7, 2025, ALJ Frank conducted a hearing at which the employer and the Department failed to appear, and on January 10, 2025 issued Order No. 25-UI-279369, allowing claimant's request to reopen and reversing decision # L0005222063 by concluding that claimant quit work with good cause and was not disqualified from receiving benefits based on the work separation. On January 22, 2025, claimant filed an application for review of Order No. 25-UI-279369 with the Employment Appeals Board (EAB).

FINDINGS OF FACT: (1) Order No. 25-UI-279369, issued on January 10, 2025, concluded that claimant was not disqualified from receiving unemployment insurance benefits based on the work separation.

(2) The Department's records show that on January 13, 2025, the Department issued decision # L0008491739, purporting to amend decision # L0005222063 but stating the same conclusions regarding the work separation and resulting denial of benefits as decision # L0005222063. As of February 24,

¹ Decision # L0005222063 stated that claimant was denied benefits from June 23, 2024 to June 21, 2025. However, because it alleged that the work separation occurred on June 20, 2024, decision # L0005222063 should have stated that claimant was disqualified from receiving benefits beginning Sunday, June 16, 2024 and until he earned four times his weekly benefit amount. *See* ORS 657.176.

2024, the Department had not paid claimant benefits for any weeks claimed due to the work separation disqualification remaining active on claimant's account.²

(3) On January 22, 2025, claimant filed an application for review of Order No. 25-UI-279369 with EAB that did not explain why claimant was requesting review of a fully favorable decision.

CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS: Claimant's application for review of Order No. 25-UI-279369 presents no justiciable controversy and is dismissed.

On January 22, 2025, claimant filed with EAB an application for review of an order that was fully favorable to claimant. Oregon courts follow the principle that a review on appeal may only be provided for justiciable controversies. *See, e.g., Gortmaker v. Seaton*, 252 Or. 440, 442, 450 P.2d 547 (1969). A justiciable controversy exists when the interests of the parties to the action conflict with each other, and the appeal will have some practical effect on the rights of the parties to the controversy. *Barcik v. Kubiacyk*, 321 Or 174, 895 P2d 765 (1995). To show a practical effect on their rights, an appellant must seek "substantive relief" through their appeal. *Krisor v. Henry*, 256 Or. App. 56, 300 P.3d 199 (Or. Ct. App. 2013).

Claimant did not assign error to any portion of Order No. 25-UI-279369, did not request reversal of any portion of the order, and alleged no facts entitling him to further relief in this matter. However, it can reasonably be inferred that claimant filed the application for review because the Department failed to pay benefits on his claim following issuance of the fully-favorable order. The Department's records suggest that a representative attempted to update claimant's account with the results of Order No. 25-UI-279369 shortly after it was issued, but instead erroneously left the disqualification active, preventing payment of benefits, and issued an amended administrative decision restating the conclusions of decision # L0005222063, which the order had reversed. Claimant should contact the Department directly to resolve these implementation errors, and should consider promptly filing a late request for hearing on decision # L0008491739 to preserve his appellate rights in case a resolution cannot be reached with the Department. Ensuring the Department's accurate implementation of Order No. 25-UI-279369 is beyond the scope of EAB's review of the order, and therefore review on the merits would not provide substantive relief to claimant.

Because EAB's review of this matter could not provide substantive relief to the appellant, such review would have no practical effect on the appellant's rights. Accordingly, there is no justiciable controversy before EAB based upon claimant's application for review.

Because the case before EAB presents no justiciable controversy, the application for review of Order No. 25-UI-279369 is dismissed and Order No. 25-UI-279369 remains undisturbed.

DECISION: The application for review filed January 22, 2025 is dismissed. Order No. 25-UI-279369 remains undisturbed.

² EAB has taken notice of these facts which are contained in Employment Department records. OAR 471-041-0090(1) (May 13, 2019). Any party that objects to our taking notice of this information must submit such objection to this office in writing, setting forth the basis of the objection in writing, within ten days of our mailing this decision. OAR 471-041-0090(2). Unless such objection is received and sustained, the noticed facts will remain in the record.

D. Hettle and A. Steger-Bentz;

S. Serres, not participating.

DATE of Service: February 25, 2025

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English

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Simplified Chinese

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Traditional Chinese

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Vietnamese

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Spanish

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Russian

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Khmer

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Laotian

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Arabic

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Farsi

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