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### State of Oregon **Employment Appeals Board**

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## EMPLOYMENT APPEALS BOARD DECISION 2025-EAB-0226

Affirmed
Late Requests to Reopen Denied

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:** On July 9, 2024, the Oregon Employment Department (the Department) served notice of an administrative decision concluding that claimant was denied benefits for the week of June 9, 2024, through June 15, 2024, because she did not actively seek work that week (decision # L0005028908). On July 31, 2024, the Department served notice of an administrative decision denying claimant benefits from June 13, 2024, through August 23, 2024, because claimant worked for an educational institution and her hours and wages from other employers were not enough to allow her to establish a claim for benefits during the recess period (decision # L0005425930). Claimant filed timely requests for hearing on decisions # L0005028908 and L0005425930.

On November 4, 2024, the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) served notice of a hearing on decision # L0005028908 scheduled for November 18, 2024. On November 18, 2024, claimant failed to appear at the hearing, and ALJ Scott issued Order No. 24-UI-273713, dismissing claimant's request for hearing on decision # L0005028908 due to claimant's failure to appear. On November 25, 2024, OAH served notice of a hearing on decision # L0005425930 scheduled for December 12, 2024. On December 12, 2024, claimant failed to appear at the hearing, and ALJ Scott issued Order No. 24-UI-276438, dismissing claimant's request for hearing on decision # L0005425930 due to her failure to appear. On December 9, 2024, Order No. 24-UI-273713 became final without claimant having filed a request to reopen the November 18, 2024, hearing on decision # L0005028908. On January 2, 2025, Order No. 24-UI-276438 became final without claimant having filed a request to reopen the December 12, 2024, hearing on decision # L0005425930.

On January 27, 2025, claimant filed late requests to reopen the hearings on decisions # L0005028908 and L0005425930. ALJ Kangas considered the requests, and on April 9, 2025, issued Orders No. 25-UI-288946 and 25-UI-288947, dismissing the requests as late without a showing of good cause, leaving Orders No. 24-UI-273713 and 24-UI-276438 undisturbed. On April 14, 2025, claimant filed timely applications for review of Orders No. 25-UI-288946 and 25-UI-288947 with the Employment Appeals Board (EAB). EAB combined its review of Orders No. 25-UI-288946 and 25-UI-288947 under OAR

471-041-0095 (October 29, 2006). For case-tracking purposes, this decision is being issued in duplicate (EAB Decisions 2025-EAB-0227 and 2025-EAB-0226).

**WRITTEN ARGUMENT:** EAB did not consider claimant's argument because it was not relevant and material to EAB's determination of whether claimant's requests to reopen the hearings on decisions # L0005028908 and L0005425930 should be denied as late without good cause. ORS 657.275(2) and OAR 471-041-0090(1)(b)(A) (May 13, 2019).

**FINDING OF FACT:** Claimant has not explained why her requests to reopen the hearings on decisions # L0005028908 and L0005425930 were late.

**CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS:** Claimant's requests to reopen the hearings on decisions # L0005028908 and L0005425930 are denied as late without a showing of good cause. Orders No. 24-UI-273713 and 24-UI-276438 remain undisturbed. Decisions # L0005028908 and L0005425930 also remain undisturbed.

ORS 657.270(5) provides that any party who failed to appear at a hearing may request to reopen the hearing, and the request will be allowed if it was filed within 20 days of the date the hearing decision was issued and shows good cause for failing to appear. The period within which a party may request reopening may be extended if the party requesting reopening has good cause for failing to request reopening within the time allowed, and acts within a reasonable time. OAR 471-040-0041(1) (February 10, 2012). "Good cause" exists when an action, delay, or failure to act arises from an excusable mistake or from factors beyond an applicant's reasonable control. OAR 471-040-0041(2). "A reasonable time," is seven days after the circumstances that prevented a timely filing ceased to exist. OAR 471-040-0041(3). The party requesting reopening shall set forth the reason(s) for filing a late request to reopen in a written statement, which OAH shall consider in determining whether good cause exists for the late filing, and whether the party acted within a reasonable time. OAR 471-040-0041(4).

The deadline for claimant to file a request to reopen the hearing on decision # L0005028908 was December 9, 2024. The deadline for her to file a request to reopen the hearing on decision # L0005425930 was January 2, 2025. Claimant did not file her requests to reopen the hearings until January 27, 2025. Claimant's requests to reopen the hearings therefore were late. Claimant did not explain why her requests to reopen were late as required under OAR 471-040-0041(4). She therefore failed to establish good cause for filing them late, and that she filed them within a reasonable time.

Claimant's late requests to reopen the hearing on decisions # L0005028908 and L0005425930 therefore are denied.

**DECISION:** Orders No. 25-UI-288946 and 25-UI-288947 are affirmed. Orders No. 24-UI-273713 and 24-UI-276438 remain undisturbed. Decisions # L0005028908 and L0005425930 also remain undisturbed.

D. Hettle and A. Steger-Bentz; S. Serres, not participating.

DATE of Service: April 25, 2025

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#### **Simplified Chinese**

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#### **Traditional Chinese**

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#### **Vietnamese**

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#### **Spanish**

Atención – Esta decisión afecta sus beneficios de desempleo. Si no entiende esta decisión, comuníquese inmediatamente con la Junta de Apelaciones de Empleo. Si no está de acuerdo con esta decisión, puede presentar una Aplicación de Revisión Judicial ante el Tribunal de Apelaciones de Oregon siguiendo las instrucciones escritas al final de la decisión.

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#### Khmer

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#### Laotian

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#### **Farsi**

توجه - این حکم بر مزایای بیکاری شما تاثیر می گذارد. اگر با این تصمیم موافق نیستید، بلافاصله با هیأت فرجام خواهی استخدام تماس بگیرید. اگر از این حکم رضایت ندارید، میتوانید با استفاده از دستور العمل موجود در پایان آن، از دادگاه تجدید نظر اورگان در خواست تجدید نظر کنید.

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