

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS COMMISSION

In the Matter of

[REDACTED]

Appeal Docket No.: [REDACTED] 25-002938

Claimant,

UIA Case No.: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Employer.

REMAND ORDER

On August 25, 2025, the Unemployment Insurance Agency (Agency) issued a redetermination that found the claimant disqualified for benefits under Section 29(1)(b) of the Michigan Employment Security Act. The claimant timely appealed the redetermination and a hearing was scheduled before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) for September 17, 2025. On September 18, 2025, the ALJ issued a decision reversing the redetermination and held that the claimant was not disqualified under Section 29(1)(b).

This case is now before the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Commission (Commission) on the employer's timely appeal from the ALJ's decision. In its appeal to the Commission, the employer indicated that it did not appear for the hearing for reasons that may be good cause.

The standard for rehearing of an ALJ's order or decision is as follows:

Reasons for requesting a rehearing include, but are not limited to, good cause for not appearing at a hearing or the discovery of material evidence after the date of the hearing.

Mich Admin Code, R 792.11414(2).

The employer may have good cause for its absence from the hearing. Accordingly, the ALJ's order must be set aside, and this matter remanded to the ALJ for a hearing, as set forth below.

THEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, the ALJ's decision is set aside.

FURTHERMORE, this matter is remanded to the ALJ to take evidence on:

- (1) the reasons the employer failed to appear at the prior hearing and/or any other reason to grant rehearing under Rule 792.11414(2); and
- (2) the merits of the claimant's appeal of the underlying Agency redetermination.

If the ALJ grants rehearing, the ALJ shall state the reasons therefor in the decision and proceed to adjudicate the appeal on the underlying redetermination.

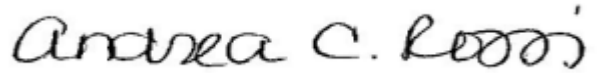
If after receiving evidence, the ALJ decides to deny rehearing, the ALJ shall issue a decision or order according.

The Commission retains no jurisdiction in this matter.



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Alejandra Del Pino, Commissioner



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Andrea C. Rossi, Commissioner



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Sheryl McGrath, Commissioner

DATED AND MAILED AT  
LANSING, MICHIGAN, ON

January 8, 2026

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Legal Aid of Western Michigan *Prioritizes fraud cases	Counties: Allegan, Berrien, Cass, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, St. Joseph, Van Buren 616.774.0672 Kent County 888.783.8190 All other counties <a href="http://www.lawestmi.org">www.lawestmi.org</a>	Claimants	State and Federal Courts
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