

STATE OF MICHIGAN
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS COMMISSION

In the Matter of

[REDACTED]

Appeal Docket No.: [REDACTED] 25-003366

Claimant,

UIA Case No.: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Employer.

REMAND ORDER

On September 30, 2025, the Unemployment Insurance Agency (Agency) issued a redetermination that held the claimant disqualified for benefits under Section 29(1)(b) of the Michigan Employment Security Act. The claimant timely appealed the redetermination, and an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) hearing was scheduled for November 10, 2025. On November 13, 2025, the ALJ issued an order dismissing the claimant's appeal for lack of prosecution because the claimant did not appear for the hearing.

This case is now before the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Commission (Commission) on the claimant's timely appeal of the ALJ's order. In the appeal to the Commission, the claimant asserts circumstances that may establish good cause for the claimant's absence from the hearing.

Under Mich Admin Code, R 792.11414(2), a party who does not appear for a scheduled hearing must establish good cause for not appearing at that hearing.

Accordingly, the ALJ's order must be set aside, and this matter remanded to the ALJ for a hearing, as set forth below.

Parties may obtain representation at no charge under the ADVOCACY PROGRAM. More information is available by calling 1-800-638-3994.

At the hearing on remand, parties may submit any documents they want considered by the ALJ. **This includes any documents they previously submitted to the Agency, the ALJ, and this Commission, and any other documents they want considered as evidence. Parties must submit proposed exhibits to both the ALJ and the other party prior to the remand hearing consistent with instructions on the Notice of Telephone Hearing.**

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

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

- (1) the reasons the claimant did not appear at the 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 accordingly, which should also include reissuing the original lack of prosecution order.

The Commission retains no jurisdiction in this matter.



George Wyatt III, Commissioner



Mikhail Albuseiri, Commissioner



William J. Runco, Commissioner

DATED AND MAILED AT
LANSING, MICHIGAN, ON

February 4, 2026

If You Need Help With Your Appeal

You are receiving this list because you may seek to obtain help with your appeal at the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Commission (Commission) or at a hearing before an administrative law judge (ALJ) if your case is remanded. **Below is a listing¹ of attorney and non-attorney agents who represent claimants, employers or both in appeals before the Commission².** You are not required to have a representative. Your appeal will be considered by the Commission regardless of whether you have an attorney or agent represent you.

Some of the representatives **offer their services for free**, others charge a fee. **It is your responsibility to contact the attorney or agent to determine the scope and cost of the representation.** The Commission does not endorse and makes no representations about the individuals or organizations in this list. The Commission does not guarantee that any representative will take your case. Representatives that also handle cases in state and/or federal court are designated in the listing in the far right hand column.

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*These organizations accept fraud cases.

Entity	Area Served & Contact Information	Parties Represented	Court
Counsel and Advocacy Law Line / Lakeshore Legal Aid* (will consider fraud cases)	Statewide 1.888.783.8190	Claimants	State and Federal Courts
Farmworker Legal Services*	Statewide 1.800.968.4046 Farmworker Law Hotline	Agricultural Workers (Claimants)	State and Federal Courts
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 www.lawestmi.org	Claimants	State and Federal Courts
Legal Services of Eastern Michigan	Counties: Arenac, Bay, Clare, Genesee, Gladwin, Gratiot, Huron, Isabella, Lapeer, Midland, Saginaw, Sanilac, St. Clair, Tuscola 800.322.4512 www.lsem-mi.org	Claimants who pass the income, asset, & citizenship screening	State and Federal Courts
Legal Services of South Central Michigan* (will consider fraud cases)	Counties: Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, Shiawassee, Washtenaw 734.665.6181 Toll Free: 1.888.665.6181 15 S. Washington St.	Claimants who meet financial eligibility requirements (125% of	State Courts

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Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice*	Statewide 313.993.4505 tparis@sugarlaw.org	Claimants	State and Federal Courts

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Cortese, Nanette L.* The Cortese Law Firm, PLC	Statewide 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 400 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 248.593.6933 www.thecorteselawfirm.com	Claimants	State Courts
Dovitz, Susan*	Statewide 248.417.8931 susandovitz@gmail.com	Claimants & Employers	State Courts
Doyle, Pamela	Statewide 989.354.6960 and 989.464.8246 uiaspecialist@gmail.com	Claimants & Employers	
Grosjean, Glenda*	Statewide 313.729.9798 unemploymentadvocates@yahoo.com	Claimants	
Lochard, Beverly*	Statewide 866.554.8165 beverlylochardlaw@gmail.com	Claimants & Employers	State and Federal Courts
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Sanger, Brendan*	Statewide 888.729.2253 attorneysanger@gmail.com	Claimants	State Courts
Shane, Renee*	Statewide 248.255.8225 renee.shane@hotmail.com	Claimants	
Sutton, Dwaine C.*	Statewide 616.455.6515 2010 44 th Street SE, Grand Rapids MI 49508 dwainecs@yahoo.com	Claimants & Employers	State Courts
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Webster, Stella*	Statewide 248.420.6437 1103 Crestmont Drive Lake Orion MI 48362 stella@nahma.net	Claimants	State Courts
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