

**IN THE IOWA ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DIVISION
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

ABDULLAH M MUHAMMAD
Claimant

APPEAL 24A-UI-01511-DZ-T

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**OC: 01/14/24
Claimant: Respondent (6)**

Iowa Code § 96.5(2)a – Discharge
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-26.8(1) – Withdrawals

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Iowa Workforce Development (IWD), the employer/appellant,¹ appealed the IWD January 29, 2024 (reference 01) unemployment insurance (UI) decision. IWD denied Mr. Muhammad REGULAR (state) UI benefits because IWD concluded that IWD discharged Mr. Muhammad from employment on January 11, 2024 for a reason that did not disqualify him from receiving UI benefits. On February 13, 2024, the Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL), UI Appeals Bureau mailed a notice of hearing to IWD, its attorney Rebecca Stonawsk, and Mr. Muhammad for a telephone hearing scheduled for February 28, 2024.

On February 21, 2024, Nicole Merrill, attorney, entered an appearance to represent Mr. Muhammad, and requested that the February 28 hearing be rescheduled due to a scheduling conflict for Ms. Merrill. The administrative law judge granted the request the same day. On February 22, 2024, the DIAL, UI Appeals Bureau mailed a notice of hearing to the employer, Ms. Stonawski, Mr. Muhammad, Ms. Merrill, for a telephone hearing scheduled for March 18, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

On February 29, 2024, the employer, through Ms. Stonawski, submitted a written request to withdraw its appeal.

ISSUE:

Should the employer's request to withdraw its appeal be granted?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The employer requested to withdraw its appeal. The employer submitted its request in writing via email on February 29, 2024. The DIAL, UI Appeals Bureau received the written request the same day.

¹ Appellant is the person or employer who appealed.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

An appellant may submit a written request to withdraw their appeal at any time before the administrative law judge issues a decision.² The employer requested to withdraw its appeal in writing before the administrative law judge issued a decision. Based on the available record in this appeal, and consistent with the applicable statutes and rules, the employer's request to withdraw its appeal should be approved.

DECISION:

The employer's request to withdraw its appeal of the January 29, 2024 (reference 01) UI decision is APPROVED. The January 29, 2024 (reference 01) UI decision stands and remains in full force and effect.

The hearing scheduled for March 18, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. is CANCELLED.



Daniel Zeno
Administrative Law Judge

March 5, 2024
Decision Dated and Mailed

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² Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-26.8(1).

APPEAL RIGHTS. If you disagree with the decision, you or any interested party may:

1. Appeal to the Employment Appeal Board within fifteen (15) days of the date under the judge's signature by submitting a written appeal via mail, fax, or online to:

**Employment Appeal Board
6200 Park Avenue Suite 100
Des Moines, Iowa 50321
Fax: (515)281-7191
Online: eab.iowa.gov**

The appeal period will be extended to the next business day if the last day to appeal falls on a weekend or a legal holiday.

AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD SHALL STATE CLEARLY:

- 1) The name, address, and social security number of the claimant.
- 2) A reference to the decision from which the appeal is taken.
- 3) That an appeal from such decision is being made and such appeal is signed.
- 4) The grounds upon which such appeal is based.

An Employment Appeal Board decision is final agency action. If a party disagrees with the Employment Appeal Board decision, they may then file a petition for judicial review in district court.

2. If no one files an appeal of the judge's decision with the Employment Appeal Board within fifteen (15) days, the decision becomes final agency action, and you have the option to file a petition for judicial review in District Court within thirty (30) days after the decision becomes final. Additional information on how to file a petition can be found at Iowa Code §17A.19, which is online at <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/17A.19.pdf> or by contacting the District Court Clerk of Court <https://www.iowacourts.gov/iowa-courts/court-directory/>.

Note to Parties: YOU MAY REPRESENT yourself in the appeal or obtain a lawyer or other interested party to do so provided there is no expense to Workforce Development. If you wish to be represented by a lawyer, you may obtain the services of either a private attorney or one whose services are paid for with public funds.

Note to Claimant: It is important that you file your weekly claim as directed, while this appeal is pending, to protect your continuing right to benefits.

SERVICE INFORMATION:

A true and correct copy of this decision was mailed to each of the parties listed.

DERECHOS DE APELACIÓN. Si no está de acuerdo con la decisión, usted o cualquier parte interesada puede:

1. Apelar a la Junta de Apelaciones de Empleo dentro de los quince (15) días de la fecha bajo la firma del juez presentando una apelación por escrito por correo, fax o en línea a:

**Employment Appeal Board
6200 Park Avenue Suite 100
Des Moines, Iowa 50321
Fax: (515)281-7191
En línea: eab.iowa.gov**

El período de apelación se extenderá hasta el siguiente día hábil si el último día para apelar cae en fin de semana o día feriado legal.

UNA APELACIÓN A LA JUNTA DEBE ESTABLECER CLARAMENTE:

- 1) El nombre, dirección y número de seguro social del reclamante.
- 2) Una referencia a la decisión de la que se toma la apelación.
- 3) Que se interponga recurso de apelación contra tal decisión y se firme dicho recurso.
- 4) Los fundamentos en que se funda dicho recurso.

Una decisión de la Junta de Apelaciones de Empleo es una acción final de la agencia. Si una de las partes no está de acuerdo con la decisión de la Junta de Apelación de Empleo, puede presentar una petición de revisión judicial en el tribunal de distrito.

2. Si nadie presenta una apelación de la decisión del juez ante la Junta de Apelaciones Laborales dentro de los quince (15) días, la decisión se convierte en acción final de la agencia y usted tiene la opción de presentar una petición de revisión judicial en el Tribunal de Distrito dentro de los treinta (30) días después de que la decisión adquiera firmeza. Puede encontrar información adicional sobre cómo presentar una petición en el Código de Iowa §17A.19, que se encuentra en línea en <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/17A.19.pdf> o comunicándose con el Tribunal de Distrito Secretario del tribunal <https://www.iowacourts.gov/iowa-courts/court-directory/>.

Nota para las partes: USTED PUEDE REPRESENTARSE en la apelación u obtener un abogado u otra parte interesada para que lo haga, siempre que no haya gastos para Workforce Development. Si desea ser representado por un abogado, puede obtener los servicios de un abogado privado o uno cuyos servicios se paguen con fondos públicos.

Nota para el reclamante: es importante que presente su reclamo semanal según las instrucciones, mientras esta apelación está pendiente, para proteger su derecho continuo a los beneficios.

SERVICIO DE INFORMACIÓN:

Se envió por correo una copia fiel y correcta de esta decisión a cada una de las partes enumeradas.