

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

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**GEORDI K BEAULNE**  
Claimant

**IOWAWORKS**

**APPEAL 19A-UI-07753-JC-T**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**OC: 08/11/19**  
**Claimant: Appellant (6)**

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Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.2(1)e – Re-employment Services  
Iowa Code Ch. 17A – Iowa Administrative Procedure Act  
Iowa Code Ch. 96 – Iowa Employment Security Act  
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.19(3) – Claims Bureau Subsequent Action  
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-26.11 - Motions

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

The claimant/appellant filed an appeal from the unemployment insurance decision dated September 24, 2019, reference 03, that denied unemployment insurance benefits due to the claimant failing to report for a reemployment services appointment. A telephone hearing was scheduled on October 25, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Before the hearing date, the claimant received a favorable decision from Iowa Workforce Development, dated October 4, 2019, reference 04. Because the issue appealed was resolved administratively prior to the hearing in the appellant's favor (see the reference 04 representative's decision), no testimony was necessary and no hearing was held.

**ISSUES:**

Should the most recent unemployment insurance decision be affirmed?

Should the appeal be dismissed as moot?

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

The pertinent agency documents relating to this claimant establish the following facts: The claimant/appellant filed an appeal from the unemployment insurance decision dated September 24, 2019, reference 03, denying unemployment insurance benefits as of September 15, 2019. This decision stated that the claimant failed to report to Iowa Workforce Development as required.

A telephone hearing was scheduled for this appeal on October 25, 2019. Before the hearing date, the claimant received a favorable decision from Iowa Workforce Development, dated October 4, 2019, reference 04. The decision specifically stated that the claimant had reported as required and allowed benefits without a gap in coverage. This most recent decision made

the only issue on appeal moot. Therefore, no testimony or additional evidence is necessary. No hearing is needed.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

Generally, courts and administrative tribunals do not decide issues when the underlying controversy is moot. *Rhiner v. State*, 703 N.W.2d 174, 176 (Iowa 2005). “A case is moot if it no longer presents a justiciable controversy because the issues involved are academic or nonexistent.” *Iowa Bankers Ass’n v. Iowa Credit Union Dep’t*, 335 N.W.2d 439, 442 (Iowa 1983)

The decision appealed was specifically amended in favor of the appellant, making this appeal moot. The most recent decision, dated October 4, 2019, reference 04, is affirmed.

**DECISION:**

The appeal of the unemployment insurance decision dated September 24, 2019, reference 03, is dismissed. The decision issued on October 4, 2019, reference 04, is affirmed. The appeal is dismissed as moot.

The hearing scheduled for October 25, 2019, is cancelled.

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