

**BEFORE THE
EMPLOYMENT APPEAL BOARD
Lucas State Office Building
Fourth floor
Des Moines, Iowa 50319**

TIMOTHY L GRAFTON

Claimant,

and

LABOR READY MIDWEST INC

Employer.

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HEARING NUMBER: 13B-UI-06190

**EMPLOYMENT APPEAL BOARD
DECISION**

SECTION: 10A.601 Employment Appeal Board Review

DECISION

FINDINGS OF FACT:

A hearing in the above matter was held July 2, 2013. The administrative law judge's decision was issued July 3, 2013, which found that the Employer “did respond to the hearing notice...but was not available when the hearing was called...” The administrative law judge’s decision has been appealed to the Employment Appeal Board.

The Employer indicated in his appeal that he was at the hearing. However, the recording of the proceeding before the administrative law judge cannot be transcribed due to a bad recording.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

Iowa Code section 10A.601(4) (2011) provides:

5. Appeal board review. The appeal board may on its own motion affirm, modify, or set aside any decision of an administrative law judge on the basis of the evidence previously submitted in such case, or direct the taking of additional evidence, or may permit any of the parties to such decision to initiate further appeals before it. The appeal board shall permit such further appeal by any of the parties interested in a decision of an administrative law judge and by the representative whose decision has been overruled or modified by the administrative law judge. The appeal board shall review the case pursuant to rules adopted by the appeal board. The appeal board shall promptly notify the interested parties of its findings and decision.

Since the record of the proceeding before the administrative law judge cannot be reviewed because the voice file is inaudible, the Employment Appeal Board cannot review the entire proceeding. This matter must be remanded for a new hearing.

DECISION:

The decision of the administrative law judge dated July 3, 2013, is not vacated at this time. This matter is remanded to an administrative law judge in the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Bureau to schedule and hold a new hearing. The Board hereby retains jurisdiction over this appeal pending the commencement of the new hearing. If, at any time prior to the commencement of the new hearing, a recording containing audible testimony of the original hearing is located by the Department then the new hearing should not be held. In the event that a complete recording of the original hearing is so located, the Board shall be notified of this by the Department. The Board will then proceed to review the original decision based upon the original record and pursuant to the original appeal to the Board. If the complete recording of the original hearing is not located prior to the commencement of the new hearing, then the administrative law judge shall conduct the new hearing following due notice. After the new hearing, the administrative law judge shall issue a decision, which provides the parties appeal rights.

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