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## **BOARD OF REVIEW DECISION**

## Introduction and Procedural History of this Appeal

The employer appeals a decision by a review examiner of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) to award the claimant benefits. We review, pursuant to our authority under G.L. c. 151A, § 41, and affirm.

On August 8, 2018, the agency initially determined that the claimant was entitled to unemployment benefits. The employer appealed, and both parties attended the hearing. In a decision rendered on September 29, 2018, the review examiner affirmed the agency determination, concluding that the claimant is eligible to receive benefits pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 151A, §§ 29(a), 29(b), and 1(r). The Board accepts the employer's application for review.

## Ruling of the Board

After considering the recorded testimony and evidence from the hearing, the review examiner's decision, and the employer's appeal, we conclude that the review examiner's findings of fact and conclusions of law are supported by substantial and credible evidence in the record and free from error of law.

In its appeal to the Board, the employer expressed concerns with charges to its account. We refer the employer to 430 CMR 5.05(1), which is cited in the August 8, 2018, determination. If the employer is concerned about charges to its account, or whether it will be charged at all, it may contact the DUA's Employer Customer Service Line at (617) 626-5075 and choose option 5.

The review examiner's decision is affirmed. The claimant is entitled to receive benefits for the week beginning May 20, 2018, and for subsequent weeks if otherwise eligible.

**BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS** DATE OF DECISION - October 30, 2018

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Member Michael J. Albano did not participate in this decision.

## ANY FURTHER APPEAL WOULD BE TO A MASSACHUSETTS STATE DISTRICT **COURT OR TO THE BOSTON MUNICIPAL COURT** (See Section 42, Chapter 151A, General Laws, Enclosed)

The last day to appeal this decision to a Massachusetts District Court is thirty days from the mail date on the first page of this decision. If that thirtieth day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the last day to appeal this decision is the business day next following the thirtieth day.

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Please be advised that fees for services rendered by an attorney or agent to a claimant in connection with an appeal to the Board of Review are not payable unless submitted to the Board of Review for approval, under G.L. c. 151A, § 37.

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