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Introduction and Procedural History of this Appeal

The claimant appeals a decision by a review examiner of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) to deny the claimant benefits following her separation from employment with this employer on December 17, 2019. We review, pursuant to our authority under G.L. c. 151A, § 41, and affirm.

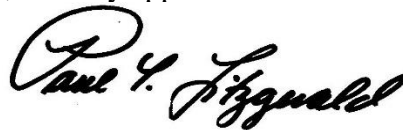
On April 15, 2020, the agency initially determined that the claimant was not entitled to unemployment benefits. The claimant appealed and only the claimant attended the hearing. In a decision rendered on July 16, 2020, the review examiner affirmed the agency determination, concluding that the claimant voluntarily left employment without good cause attributable to the employer or urgent, compelling, and necessitous reasons, and, thus, she was disqualified under G.L. c. 151A, § 25(e)(1). The Board accepts the claimant'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 claimant's appeal, we conclude that the review examiner's decision is based on substantial evidence and is free from any error of law affecting substantive rights.

The review examiner's decision is affirmed. The claimant is denied regular unemployment benefits for the week beginning March 8, 2020, and for subsequent weeks, until such time as she has had at least eight weeks of work and has earned an amount equivalent to or in excess of eight times her weekly benefit amount.

As a result of this decision, the claimant may be eligible to apply for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. Or, if the claimant wishes to appeal this decision, she may appeal to the District Court.



**BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

**DATE OF DECISION - August 24, 2020**

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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  
(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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