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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 on December 27, 2021. We review pursuant to our authority under G.L. c. 151A, § 41.

On January 20, 2022, the agency initially determined that the claimant was not entitled to unemployment benefits. The claimant appealed, and both parties attended the hearing. In a decision rendered on June 6, 2022, the review examiner affirmed the agency determination, concluding that the claimant had engaged in deliberate misconduct in willful disregard of the employer's interest and, thus, was disqualified under G.L. c. 151A, § 25(e)(2). The Board accepted 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, the members of the Board, meeting in a quorum, were unable to form a majority in favor of the final action to take in this case. Therefore, the decision of the review examiner is deemed to be affirmed as a matter of law.

The claimant is denied benefits for the week beginning December 26, 2021, 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.

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS DATE OF DECISION - July 22, 2022

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## 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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