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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 his separation from employment on August 23, 2024. We review, pursuant to our authority under G.L. c. 151A, § 41, and affirm.

On April 11, 2025, 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 October 27, 2025, 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, was disqualified under G.L. c. 151A, § 25(e)(1). 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, 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 remains ineligible to receive benefits for the week beginning August 18, 2024, and indefinitely thereafter, until he has had 8 weeks of work and earned an amount equivalent to or in excess of 8 times his weekly benefit amount.

**N.B.** The Board has requested that the DUA investigate the separate overpayment waiver issue raised in the claimant's appeal.

**BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**DATE OF DECISION - December 8, 2025**



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

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