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**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**BEFORE**  
**THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS**

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In the Matter of:	)	
	)	
TAMONICA HEARD,	)	
Employee	)	OEA Matter No. 1601-0027-16
	)	
v.	)	Date of Issuance: July 8, 2016
	)	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	)	Monica Dohnji, Esq.
OFFICE OF RISK MANAGEMENT,	)	Senior Administrative Judge
Agency	)	
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Tamonica Heard, Employee, *Pro Se*  
Michael Krainak, Esq., Agency's Representative

**INITIAL DECISION**

**INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND**

On February 26, 2016, Tamonica Heard ("Employee") filed a Petition for Appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals ("OEA" or "Office") contesting the District of Columbia Office of Risk Management's ("ORM" or "Agency") decision to terminate her from her position as a Staff Assistant. On March 31, 2016, Agency filed its Response to Employee's Petition for Appeal. Thereafter, on June 24, 2016, Employee submitted a letter stating that "I, Tamonica Heard, hereby agree to dismiss my complaint which is pending in the District of Columbia Office of Employee Appeals, pursuant to the terms of the Agreement and General Release I have executed on this day." This matter was assigned to the undersigned Administrative Judge ("AJ") on July 7, 2016. The record is now closed.

**JURISDICTION**

The Office has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-606.03 (2001).

ISSUE

Whether this appeal should be dismissed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

D.C. Official Code §1-606.06(b) (2001) states in pertinent part that:

If the parties agree to a settlement without a decision on the merits of the case, a settlement agreement, prepared and signed by all parties, shall constitute the final and binding resolution of the appeal, and the [Administrative Judge] shall dismiss the appeal with prejudice.

In the instant matter, since the parties have agreed and executed a settlement agreement, and Employee has withdrawn her appeal, I find that Employee's Petition for Appeal is dismissed.

ORDER

It is hereby **ORDERED** that the Petition for Appeal in this matter is **DISMISSED**.

FOR THE OFFICE:

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MONICA DOHNJI, Esq.  
Senior Administrative Judge