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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BEFORE
THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS

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In the Matter of:)	
)	
ROSYLIN BELL,)	
Employee)	OEA Matter No.: 1601-0069-15
)	
v.)	Date of Issuance: September 28, 2015
)	
DEPARTMENT OF CHILD AND)	
FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY,)	MONICA DOHNJI, Esq.
Agency)	Administrative Judge
_____)	
Jean Cox, Employee Representative)	
Valoree Wortham, Esq., Agency Representative)	

INITIAL DECISION

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On April 29, 2015, Rosylin Bell (“Employee”) filed a Petition for Appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals (“OEA” or “Office”) contesting the District of Columbia Department of Child and Family Services Agency’s (“CFSA” or “Agency”) decision to terminate her from her position as a Social Worker effective April 15, 2015. On June 3, 2015, Agency filed its Answer to Employee’s Petition for Appeal.

A Mediation Conference was held in this matter on July 28, 2015, wherein, the parties reached a settlement agreement. On September 22, 2015, Employee, through her representative, submitted a letter stating the following “[i]n the matter of Rosylin Bell v. District of Columbia Child and Family Services....hereby moves to withdraw its Petition for Appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals pursuant to the execution of the Settlement Agreement entered into on September 17, 2015.” This matter was assigned to the undersigned Administrative Judge (“AJ”) on September 25, 2015. 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In the instant matter, since the parties have agreed and executed a settlement agreement, and Employee has withdrawn her appeal, I find that Employee's Petition for Appeal is dismissed.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:

MONICA DOHNJI, Esq.
Administrative Judge