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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
BEFORE  
THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS

In the Matter of:	)	
SARENA NORMAN	)	OEA Matter No. 1601-0095-13
Employee	)	
v.	)	Date of Issuance: May 14, 2014
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT	)	Lois Hochhauser, Esq.
OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	)	Administrative Judge
Agency	)	
Rhesha Lewis-Plummer, Agency Representative	)	
Dawn Crawford, Esq., Employee Representative	)	

**INITIAL DECISION**

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

Sarena Norman, Employee herein, filed a petition with the Office of Employee Appeals (OEA) on May 23, 2013, appealing the decision of the District of Columbia Department of Employee Services, Agency herein, to suspend her for 15 days without pay effective April 24, 2013. At the time the petition was filed, Employee was in career service and held a permanent appointment.

The matter was assigned to me on February 26, 2014. The parties were in mediation at the time. On April 22, 2014, Employee, through her representative, filed a letter with this Office, stating that Employee sought to withdraw this appeal because the matter had been settled. On April 24, 2014, the parties submitted a Settlement Agreement signed by Employee and Agency Interim Director on April 22, 2014. The record is hereby closed.

JURISDICTION

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

ISSUE

Should the petition be dismissed?

FINDINGS OF FACT, ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS

D.C. Official Code §1-606.06(b) (2001) provides that a petition for appeal be dismissed when the parties enter into a voluntary settlement of the matter. *See e.g., Rollins v. District of Columbia Public Schools*, OEA Matter No. J-0086-92, *Opinion and Order on Petition for Review* (December 3, 1990). On April 24, 2014, the parties submitted a Settlement Agreement signed by Employee and Agency Interim Director on April 22, 2014. The Agreement stated that it was entered into “voluntarily” by the parties, and there is no indication to the contrary. The Agreement stated in pertinent part, that as part of the resolution, Employee would withdraw this appeal. Employee, through her representative, requested that this appeal be withdrawn, by letter dated April 22, 2014.

The Administrative Judge commends the parties on their successful resolution of this matter, and concludes based on the analysis, findings and conclusions provided herein, that this petition for appeal should be dismissed.

ORDER

This petition for appeal is dismissed.

FOR THE OFFICE:

LOIS HOCHHAUSER, Esq.  
Administrative Judge