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

In the Matter of:	)	
	)	
EMPLOYEE	)	OEA Matter No. 1601-0029-22
	)	
v.	)	Date of Issuance: December 15, 2022
	)	
DEPARTMENT OF FORENSIC SCIENCE	)	JOSEPH E. LIM, ESQ.
<u>Agency</u>	)	Senior Administrative Judge
Karey Hart, Esq., Employee representative		
Dorothy Brown, Esq., Agency Representative		

**INITIAL DECISION**

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Employee filed a petition with the Office of Employee Appeals (“OEA”) on or about December 16, 2021, appealing the decision of the Department of Forensic Science (“Agency”) to terminate her from her position as a Forensic Scientist for poor work performance effective November 19, 2021. OEA requested Agency’s response on December 21, 2021, and Agency submitted its response on January 20, 2022. After an unsuccessful mediation, this matter was assigned to me on April 5, 2022. I contacted the parties on April 6, 2022, wherein they informed me that they were engaged in settlement discussions. Thereafter, Employee submitted a May 18, 2022, signed withdrawal of her appeal, indicating that the parties had settled the matter. The record is closed.

JURISDICTION

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

ISSUE

Should the petition be dismissed?

FINDINGS OF FACT, ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS

Since Employee has voluntarily withdrawn her appeal, Employee's petition for appeal is dismissed.

ORDER

It is hereby ORDERED that this matter is DISMISSED with prejudice.

FOR THE OFFICE:

*s/Joseph Lim*  
Joseph E. Lim, Esq.  
Senior Administrative Judge