

agreed to try and mediate the matter. Accordingly, I also referred this matter for mediation. A Mediation/Settlement Conference was held on February 15, 2023, but was unsuccessful. On February 16, 2023, I issued an Order scheduling a Status Conference for March 1, 2023, in order to set a new date for the Evidentiary Hearing. On February 17, 2023, Employee filed a letter noting that she was withdrawing her appeal before this Office.² 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 based upon Employee's voluntary withdrawal.

FINDINGS OF FACT, ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Employee filed a notice on February 17, 2023, citing that "I wish to officially withdraw from the above appeal OEA Matter No. 1601-0081-22."³ Accordingly, I find that since Employee has filed a notice to voluntarily withdraw her appeal, Employee's Petition should be dismissed.

ORDER

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

FOR THE OFFICE:

/s/Michelle R. Harris
MICHELLE R. HARRIS, Esq.
Senior Administrative Judge

² The undersigned notified the parties via email that the Status Conference scheduled for March 1, 2023, would be cancelled given Employee's notice to withdraw her appeal.

³ Letter from Employee (February 17, 2023).