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

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In the Matter of:	)	
	)	
EMPLOYEE <sup>1</sup> ,	)	
Employee	)	OEA Matter No. 1601-0047-21
	)	
v.	)	Date of Issuance: May 16, 2022
	)	
DEPARTMENT OF FORENSIC SCIENCE,	)	MONICA DOHNJI, Esq.
Agency	)	Senior Administrative Judge
_____	)	
Employee, <i>Pro Se</i>	)	
Hillary Hoffman-Peak, Esq., Agency's Representative	)	

**INITIAL DECISION**

**INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On September 23, 2021, Employee filed a Petition for Appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals (“OEA”) contesting the Department of Forensic Science’s (“Agency”) decision to terminate him from his position of Quality Assurance Specialist, effective September 1, 2021. OEA issued a Request for Agency Answer to Petition for Appeal on October 19, 2021. Thereafter, on November 3, 2021, Agency filed its Answer to Employee’s Petition for Appeal. This matter was assigned to a Mediator. Following a successful mediation, the parties reached a settlement agreement. On May 4, 2022, Employee filed a request to withdraw the Petition for Appeal noting that “[i]n the matter of [Employee] v. Department of Forensic Sciences, I hereby withdraw the petition to appeal the Final Agency Decision of Removal.”<sup>2</sup> This matter was assigned to the undersigned on May 5, 2022. The record is now closed.

**JURISDICTION**

<sup>1</sup> Employee’s name was removed from this decision for the purposes of publication on the Office of Employee Appeals’ website.

<sup>2</sup> Employee’s withdrawal letter (May 4, 2022).

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

ISSUE

Whether Employee's Petition for Appeal should be dismissed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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 Employee has requested that the matter be dismissed, I find that Employee's Petition for Appeal should be dismissed.

ORDER

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

FOR THE OFFICE:

/s/ Monica N. Dohnji

MONICA DOHNJI, Esq.  
Senior Administrative Judge