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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

BEFORE

THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS

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In the Matter of:)	
)	OEA Matter No.: 1601-0165-12
MICHAEL CRAIG,)	
Employee)	
)	Date of Issuance: December 19, 2013
v.)	
)	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA)	
PUBLIC SCHOOLS,)	
Agency)	Sommer J. Murphy, Esq.
_____)	Administrative Judge
Michael Craig, Employee)	
Sara White, Esq., Agency Representative)	

INITIAL DECISION

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On July 25, 2012, Michael Craig (“Employee”) filed a Petition for Appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals (“OEA”) contesting the District of Columbia Public Schools’ (“Agency” or “DCPS”) action of terminating his employment. According to Agency, Employee failed to obtain a license to teach in the District of Columbia. Employee’s termination was effective on July 14, 2012.

I was assigned this matter in October of 2013. On October 29, 2013, I issued an Order convening a Prehearing Conference to be held at this Office on December 9, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. Employee did not appear for the conference. I subsequently issued an Order for Statement of Good Cause to Employee on December 10, 2013 because he failed to appear for the Prehearing Conference. Employee was required to submit a statement to establish cause for his failure to appear on or before December 18, 2013. On December 17, 2013, Employee submitted a written withdrawal of his appeal. The record is now closed.

JURISDICTION

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

ISSUE

Should Employee's appeal be dismissed?

FINDINGS OF FACT, ANALYSIS, AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Since Employee has voluntarily withdrawn his appeal, Employee's Petition for Appeal is dismissed.

ORDER

It is hereby ORDERED that Employee's Petition for Appeal is DISMISSED.

FOR THE OFFICE:

SOMMER J. MURPHY, ESQ.
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE