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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

BEFORE

THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS

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In the Matter of:)	
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Employee)	OEA Matter No. 2401-0020-22
)	
v.)	Date of Issuance: February 9, 2022
)	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA)	
DEPARTMENT OF FORENSIC SCIENCES,)	ARIEN P. CANNON, ESQ.
Agency)	Administrative Judge
)	
_____)	
Employee, <i>Pro se</i>)	
Hillary Hoffman-Peak, Esq., Agency Representative)	

INITIAL DECISION

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Employee filed a Petition for Appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals (“OEA”) on November 29, 2021, challenging the District of Columbia Department of Forensic Sciences’ (“Agency”) Reduction-in-Force, which abolished her position. Pursuant to a letter issued by OEA on December 6, 2021, Agency’s Answer was due on or before January 6, 2022. Agency filed a Motion to Dismiss on December 28, 2021. I was assigned this matter on January 19, 2022. Prior to responding to Agency’s Motion to Dismiss, Employee submitted a Motion to Withdraw Appeal on February 3, 2022. The record is now closed.

ISSUE

Whether Employee’s Petition for Appeal should be dismissed based on her voluntary withdrawal.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

On February 3, 2022, prior to any proceedings, Employee filed a Motion to Withdrawal Appeal. Accordingly, I find that Employee’s Petition for Appeal should be dismissed.

ORDER

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

FOR THE OFFICE:

/s/ Arien P. Cannon
ARIEN P. CANNON, ESQ.
Administrative Judge