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

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In the Matter of:	)	
	)	
VIOLENA BEAN,	)	
Employee	)	OEA Matter No. 1601-0131-13
	)	
v.	)	Date of Issuance: January 13, 2015
	)	
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT,	)	Monica Dohnji, Esq.
Agency	)	Administrative Judge
_____	)	
Lisa Alexis Jones, Esq., Employee Representative	)	
Brenda Wilmore, Esq., Agency Representative	)	

**INITIAL DECISION**

**INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND**

On August 2, 2013, Violena Bean, (“Employee”) filed a Petition for Appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals (“OEA” or “Office”) contesting the Metropolitan Police Department’s (“Agency”) decision to suspend her for thirty-five (35) days effective August 12, 2013. On August 30, 2013, Agency filed its Answer to Employee’s Petition for Appeal.

Following a failed mediation attempt, this matter was assigned to the undersigned Administrative Judge (“AJ”) on May 14, 2014. A Status/Prehearing Conference was held in this matter on June 18, 2014. Thereafter, a telephonic Prehearing Conference was held in this matter on October 1, 2014, wherein, an Evidentiary Hearing was scheduled for December 10, 2014. On or around December 8, 2014, the parties informed the undersigned AJ via email that a settlement had been reached in this matter. Subsequently, on December 9, 2014, the undersigned issued an Order cancelling the December 10, 2014 Evidentiary Hearing. On January 12, 2015, Agency submitted an executed settlement agreement. 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.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

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 executed a settlement agreement, I find that Employee's Petition for Appeal is dismissed.

ORDER

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

FOR THE OFFICE:

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MONICA DOHNJI, Esq.  
Administrative Judge