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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

BEFORE

THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS

In the Matter of:)	
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MUHAMMAD ABDUL-SABOOR,)	
Employee)	
• •)	OEA Matter No.: 2401-0097-10
v.)	
)	Date of Issuance: March 2, 2012
D.C. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF)	
MEDICAL EXAMINER,)	
Agency)	SOMMER J. MURPHY, Esq.
)	Administrative Judge

INITIAL DECISION

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On October 23, 2009, Muhammad Abdul-Saboor ("Employee") filed a petition for appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals ("OEA") contesting the District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner's ("Agency") decision to terminate him. Agency's notice informed Employee that he was being separated from service as a result of a Reduction-in-Force ("RIF"). Employee's termination was effective on September 30, 2009.

This matter was assigned to me on or around February, 2012. I issued an Order on February 16, 2012, directing Employee to submit a written brief addressing the issue of whether this Office may exercise jurisdiction over his appeal. On March 2, 2012, Employee, through counsel, filed a written and signed request to withdraw the petition for appeal. 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 matter should be dismissed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The Employee has voluntarily withdrawn his petition for appeal. Based on the foregoing, this matter is now dismissed.

<u>ORDER</u>

It is hereby ORDEREI) that this matter	be DISMISSED.
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FOR THE OFFICE:

Sommer J. Murphy, Esq.
Administrative Judge