

# OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS PROPOSED FY 2025 PERFORMANCE PLAN

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# **1 OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS**

*Mission*: The Office of Employee Appeals (OEA) is an independent agency with a mission is to adjudicate employee appeals and rendering impartial decisions with sound legal reasoning in a timely manner.

*Services:* In accordance with DC Official Code Section 1-606.03, the Office of Employee Appeals adjudicates the several types of personnel actions. (a) An employee may appeal a final agency decision affecting a performance rating which results in removal of the employee (pursuant to subchapter XIII-A of this chapter), an adverse action for cause that results in removal, reduction in force (pursuant to subchapter XXIV of this chapter), reduction in grade, placement on enforced leave, or suspension for 10 days or more (pursuant to subchapter XVI-A of this chapter) to the Office upon the record and pursuant to other rules and regulations which the Office may issue. In accordance with DC Official Code Section 1-606.03, the Office of Employee Appeals adjudicates the several types of personnel actions. (a) An employee may appeal a final agency decision affecting a performance rating which results in removal of the employee (pursuant to subchapter XIII-A of this chapter), an adverse action for cause that results in removal of the employee may appeal a final agency decision affecting a performance rating which results in removal of the employee (pursuant to subchapter XII-A of this chapter), an adverse action for cause that results in removal of the employee (pursuant to subchapter XII-A of this chapter), an adverse action for cause that results in removal, reduction in force (pursuant to subchapter XXIV of this chapter), reduction in grade, placement on enforced leave, or suspension for 10 days or more (pursuant to subchapter XVI-A of this chapter) to the Office upon the record and pursuant to other rules and regulations which the Office may issue.

# 2 PROPOSED 2025 OBJECTIVES

Strategic Objective

Render impartial, legally sound decisions in a timely manner.

Streamline the adjudication process.

Maintain a system to allow the public to have access to all decisions rendered by the OEA.

## **3 PROPOSED 2025 OPERATIONS**

Operation Title	Operation Description	Type of Operation
ender impartial, legally sound	d decisions in a timely manner.	
Petitions for Appeal	Intake Coordinator reviews Petition for Appeal, determines the type of appeal and assigns to Administrative Judge.	Daily Service
Petitions for Review	Office of the General Counsel reviews Petitions for Review, drafts the Opinion and Order and meets with the Board to present the appeal and issue the decision.	Daily Service
Initial Decisions	Administrative Judges process Petitions for Appeal which culminate in the issuance of an Initial Decision.	Daily Service
Appeals and Adjudication	Operations that occur within the appeals and adjudication process	Daily Service
treamline the adjudication p	rocess.	
Mediation and Settlement	The goal of the mediation program is to help the parties, through the negotiation process, reach a settlement that is agreeable to both of them.	Key Project
1aintain a system to allow the	public to have access to all decisions rendered by the C	DEA.
Website	Decisions are uploaded to the agency's website so that the public is able to view the decisions and research the decisions.	Daily Service

# 4 PROPOSED 2025 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND WORKLOAD MEASURES

	Key Performanc	e Indicators						
Measure	Directionality	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024 Target	FY 2025 Target			
Render impartial, legally sound decisions in a timely manner.								
Number of Opinions and Orders Issued	Up is Better	13	17	15	15			
Percent of OEA decisions upheld by D.C. Superior Court and the D.C. Court of Appeals	Up is Better	100%	88.9%	100%	100%			
Number of Initial Decisions Issued	Up is Better	90	100	80	80			
Percent of cases reversing agency decisions	Neutral	12.6%	14.5%	No Target Set	No Target Set			
Percent of agency answers timely filed	Up is Better	83.3%	81.7%	100%	100%			
Percent of decisions published within the D.C. Register	Up is Better	106.8%	100%	100%	100%			
Time Required to Complete Adjudications	Down is Better	236	231	120	120			
Time Required to Resolve Petitions for Review	Down is Better	New in 2023	Not Available	120	120			
Streamline the adjudication process.								
Percent of appeals involved in mediation process	Neutral	71.4%	5.9%	18%	18%			
Percent of appeals resolved through mediation	Neutral	14.3%	0%	9%	9%			
Maintain a system to allow the public to h	nave access to a	ll decisions r	endered by the	e OEA.				
Percent of Initial Decisions uploaded to website	Neutral	100%	100%	100%	100%			
Percent of Opinions and Orders uploaded to website	Neutral	100%	100%	100%	100%			

#### Workload Measures

Measure	FY 2022	FY 2023					
Appeals and Adjudication							
Number of evidentiary hearings conducted	12	19					
Number of Board meetings conducted	4	7					
Number of safety-sensitive designation appeals filed	0	0					
Mediation and Settlement							
Number of attorney fee appeals mediated	0	0					
Number of mediations declined by the agency	8	0					
Number of mediations declined by the employee	0	0					