

unsuccessfully attempted to contact the Appellant multiple times between October 22 and December 2, 2025.

The Appellant has abandoned his appeal; consequently, the Independent Reviewer recommended it be dismissed.

The Secretary of the Department of Human Resources accepted the Recommendation by email dated January 23, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the Recommendation of the Independent Reviewer to dismiss this appeal is hereby accepted.

SO ORDERED, THIS 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.



JENNIFER COHAN, MERB Chairperson

assignment to the Independent Reviewer which resulted from its difficulty in identifying and contracting with a qualified IR.