

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY**



**Dawne Dorsey,
Respondent**

CASE No. 19-0010-F

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

THIS MATTER COMES BEFORE THE BOARD on the request of the Director of Government Ethics that the formal investigation initiated against Respondent herein be dismissed; and

IT APPEARING that, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-1162.12(a)(3), a formal investigation was initiated against Respondent, a former employee of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), after the initiation of a preliminary investigation after a referral from the Office of the Inspector General and a finding by the Board that there was reason to believe a violation of the Code of Conduct occurred;

IT FURTHER APPEARING that, Respondent provided confidential, non-public DHCD information regarding tenants participating in the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act to developers who sought to buy the tenants' rights and the put the property up for sale;

IT FURTHER APPEARING that, Respondent pleaded guilty to bribery in June 2019 for accepting bribes in return for giving out the confidential, non-public DHCD information and agreed to cooperate with the government's investigation into the bribery scheme;

IT FURTHER APPEARING that, on November 6, 2023, Respondent was sentenced to 36 months' probation in connection with the bribery charge;

IT FURTHER APPEARING that, the Director has recommended that the Board dismiss this formal investigation for the following reasons:

1. Respondent has been punished for her conduct;
2. Respondent cooperated with the government's investigation;
3. The statute of limitations at D.C. Official Code § 1-1162.21(d) has lapsed with respect to this matter;
4. The interests of judicial economy would be best served by dismissing this matter without prejudice, thereby allowing resources to be focused on other investigations.

ORDERED that, pursuant to D.C. Official Code §1-1162.16(a)(1) the formal investigation initiated against Respondent be, and hereby is, DISMISSED without prejudice; and it is further

ORDERED that this case be CLOSED.



Norma Hutcheson
Chairperson, Board of Ethics and Government Accountability

____12/14/2023_____
Date