

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



Ruth Nivar,

Respondent

Case No. 24-0012-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 § 1-1162.13(a)(3), a formal investigation was initiated against Respondent, a former employee of the Department of Human Services, after Respondent was indicated in May 2024;

IT FURTHER APPEARING that, on January 13, 2025, Respondent pleaded guilty to Hobbs Act extortion under color of official right in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1951(a) and 2 and conspiracy to commit Hobbs Act extortion under color of official right in violation 18 U.S.C. § 371, in connection with a scheme to extort payments from individuals to process applications for health care coverage;

IT FURTHER APPEARING that, on April 25, 2005, Respondent was sentenced to 24 months incarceration and 12 months of supervised release;

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. The interests of judicial economy would be best served by dismissing this matter without prejudice, thereby allowing resources to be focused on other investigations;
and
3. The Director may reopen this investigation and pursue action against Respondent within the applicable limitations period, if she determines that there is reason to do so.

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.



5/2/2025

Norma B. Hutcheson
Chairperson, Board of Ethics and Government Accountability

Date