

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL  
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2021-215**

April 11, 2022

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Gregory Slate

RE: FOIA Appeal 2021-215

Dear Mr. Slate:

This letter responds to the administrative appeal you submitted to the Mayor under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Code § 2-537 (“DC FOIA”), challenging the Department of Employment Services’ (“DOES”) response to your DC FOIA request.

On June 21, 2021, you submitted a DC FOIA request to DOES for records related to:

- 1) policies and procedures concerning formal grievances and/or complaints against DOES employees or contractors;
- 2) the employment of [an employee];
- 3) emails received from or sent to [ ] containing the characters “slate”; and,
- 4) all records related to Greg Slate

You subsequently filed this appeal, in which you argued that DOES failed to respond to your request.

On July 27, 2021, DOES responded to your initial DC FOIA request and the present appeal. The agency provided a copy of an Equal Employment Opportunity Policy. The agency also produced responsive records located after a search of email inboxes and DOES unemployment insurance systems.

With regard to your request for records related to the employment of the identified employee, the agency stated that it did not have responsive records. It noted that personnel files, which may be responsive to the request, are maintained by the District of Columbia Department of Human Resources (“DCHR”). It provided you with information on how to request those records from DCHR through the DC FOIA process.

Because you have now received responses from DOES, we dismiss this appeal as moot.

This constitutes the final decision of this Office. If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may commence a civil action against the District of Columbia in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in accordance with D.C. Code § 2-537.

Respectfully,

Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel

cc: Tonya A Robinson, FOIA Officer  
Department of Employment Services