

# Office of Administrative Hearings FY2023

Agency Office of Administrative Hearings

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**Mission** The mission of the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) is to provide the District of Columbia's citizens and government agencies with a fair, efficient and effective forum to manage and resolve administrative disputes.

## Strategic Objectives

| Objective Number | Strategic Objective   |
|------------------|---|
| 1                | Increase operational efficiency and the public confidence in OAH's resolution of administrative disputes. |
| 2                | Increase use of mediation to settle cases in certain jurisdictions.                                       |
| 3                | Facilitate the flow of information to and from agencies whose cases are heard at OAH.                     |
| 4                | Improve the OAH data management system to support a highly-efficient, transparent and responsive OAH.     |

## Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

| Measure  | Directionality | FY 2020 Actual | FY 2021 Actual | FY 2022 Target | FY2022 Actual | FY 2023 Target |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>1 - Increase operational efficiency and the public confidence in OAH's resolution of administrative disputes. (6 Measure records)</b> |                |                |                |                |               |                |
| Percent of all non-unemployment insurance cases closed within the fiscal year that were closed within 120 days                           | Up is Better   | 33.9%          | 26%            | 50%            | 35%           | 50%            |
| Percent of all cases filed within the fiscal year entered into the database within 3 days of filing                                      | Up is Better   | 28.2%          | 28.5%          | 75%            | 45.9%         | 75%            |
| Percent of all unemployment insurance cases closed within the fiscal year that were closed within 90 days of filing                      | Up is Better   | 98.2%          | 84.1%          | 80%            | 89.5%         | 95%            |
| Percent of all cases open without approval more than 120 days at the end of the fiscal year  | Down is Better | 84.3%          | 68.4%          | 20%            | 68.3%         | 20%            |
| Percent of non-unemployment insurance cases resolved through recorded settlement, or voluntary withdrawal                                | Up is Better   | New in 2021    | 31.1%          | 15%            | 86.5%         | 15%            |
| Case closure rate at or over 100 percent at the end of the fiscal year   | Up is Better   | 54.7%          | 118.3%         | 90%            | 101.4%        | 90%            |
| <b>2 - Increase use of mediation to settle cases in certain jurisdictions. (1 Measure)</b>   |                |                |                |                |               |                |
| Percent of mediated cases resolved by agreement  | Up is Better   | 16.9%          | 26.9%          | 40%            | 12.9%         | 40%            |
| <b>4 - Improve the OAH data management system to support a highly-efficient, transparent and responsive OAH. (3 Measure records)</b>     |                |                |                |                |               |                |
| Percent of jurisdictions in which Final Orders are available for remote access   | Up is Better   | 35.7%          | 36%            | 50%            | 37%           | 50%            |
| Average number of unique hits through the OAH website  | Up is Better   | 1128           | 45,004         | 15             | 24,165.8      | 10,000         |
| Percent of new appeals filed by an individual or business using new electronic filing system instead of email, mail or fax.              | Up is Better   | New in 2021    | Not Available  | 15%            | Not Available | 15%            |

## Operations

| Operations Title  | Operations Description  | Type of Operations |
|---|---|--------------------|
| <b>1 - Increase operational efficiency and the public confidence in OAH's resolution of administrative disputes. (5 Activity records)</b> |   |                    |
| Customer Service Survey   | Track litigant feedback and commentary on level of service received by the agency.                    | Daily Service      |
| Electronic Filing System  | Acquire vendor to create system allowing customers to open cases and file documents electronically.   | Key Project        |
| Reduce the number of open cases that are more than six months old   | Reduce the number of cases greater than six months old.   | Daily Service      |
| Document Storage  | Institute paperless record for at least one case type and develop a system to share case information. | Daily Service      |

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| Deepen racial equity  | Deepen racial equity work through internal training   | Key Project        |
| <b>3 - Facilitate the flow of information to and from agencies whose cases are heard at OAH. (1 Activity)</b>                 |   |                    |
| Exchange information with agencies  | Reassess MOU/MOAs to better reflect the program goals and objectives, scope of services, compensation, and claiming between agencies.                         | Key Project        |
| <b>4 - Improve the OAH data management system to support a highly-efficient, transparent and responsive OAH. (1 Activity)</b> |   |                    |
| Allowing remote public access   | Identifying elements in each jurisdiction to be available to litigants and elements in each jurisdiction to be available for searching by the general public. | Key Project        |

## Workload Measures (WMs)

| Measure  | FY 2020 Actual | FY 2021 Actual | FY2022 Actual |
|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>1 - Reduce the number of open cases that are more than six months old (4 Measure records)</b> |                |                |               |
| Number of cases in which mediations occurred   | 43.2%          | 671.4%         | Not Available |
| Cases with AWE pleas and defaults open after 120 days of assignment to an ALJ                    | 49             | 463            | 988           |
| Number of cases closed   | 17,301         | 18,264         | 19,334        |
| Number of cases filed  | 15,486         | 14,380         | 18,224        |
| <b>3 - Exchange information with agencies (4 Measure records)</b>                                |                |                |               |
| Number of jurisdictions in which OGC meet annually with agency counterparts                      | 3              | 4              | Not Available |
| Number of jurisdictions in which PALJs meet quarterly with agency counterparts                   | 28             | 39             | 27            |
| Number of jurisdictions in which OGC meet quarterly with agency counterparts                     | 19             | 20             | 22            |
| Number of jurisdictions in which PALJs meet annually with agency counterparts                    | 13             | 14             | Not Available |

## Strategic Initiatives

| Strategic Initiative Title                                    | Strategic Initiative Description  | Proposed Completion Date |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| <b>Allowing remote public access (1 Strategic Initiative)</b> |   |                          |
| Allowing Remote Public Access                                 | OAH made available to the public on its website over 10,000 Final Orders grouped by relevant agency and is working to further enhance accessibility, By the end of FY23, OAH will develop a public-facing web application which will allow visitors to search and view final orders remotely. | 09-30-2023               |
| <b>Deepen racial equity (1 Strategic Initiative)</b>          |   |                          |
| Deepen Racial Equity  | In FY23, OAH will deepen it's racial equity work through internal staff training that consists of staff participating in racial equity programs by September 2023.  | 09-30-2023               |