UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

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May 19, 2025 Nathan Ochsner, Clerk of Court

United States District Court Southern District of Texas ENTERED

By Deputy Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE MERIT SELECTION PANEL

SPECIAL ORDER NO. H-2025-3

ORDER

In connection with the proposed reappointment of United States Magistrate Judge Christina A. Bryan for the Southern District of Texas serving in the Houston Division, the Court appoints a Merit Selection Panel as required by § 6.03(b) of the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States establishing procedures for such reappointments.

The Merit Selection Panel will be guided by the standards described in the pamphlet, "The Selection, Appointment, and Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges," published in October 2016 by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. The Clerk will make a copy available to each Panel member.

The Merit Selection Panel consists of the following persons:

Brian Pidcock, Chair	Sam J. Lewis
Catherine Bratic	Annise Parker (non-attorney)
Ryan Hackney	Fred Raschke
Jeffrey S. Howard (non-attorney)	Sergio Sanchez
Jeffrey C. Kubin	Anthony Troiani

Unsolicited contact with the panel members regarding this reappointment is discouraged by the Court. The Clerk of Court has made a public announcement that Judge Bryan's current term of office is due to expire on January 7, 2026. The public was invited to comment on her proposed reappointment by May 16, 2025. The Merit Selection Panel will thereafter submit to this Court its recommendation as to whether Judge Bryan should be reappointed to another term as United States Magistrate Judge in the Houston Division of the Southern District of Texas. The recommendation shall be filed no later than July 18, 2025. The Merit Selection Panel shall review the incumbent's performance in office as a magistrate judge. It should consider comments received from members of the bar and the public, and any other pertinent evidence as to Judge Bryan's character, judgment, legal ability, temperament, and commitment to equal justice under the law. An interview with the Southern District of Texas Magistrate Judge Committee and Judge Bryan is also generally considered to be useful to the Panel.

All Panel members are advised that the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States Establishing Standards and Procedures for the Appointment and Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges restrict merit selection panel members from being considered for a magistrate judge position one year from the application deadline for the position and the earlier of either (1) the date when the panel on which the former member served submitted its report to the Court, or (2) the date when the former member resigned from the panel, unless there is a waiver to the restriction by the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges System granted on an individual case basis.

Signed May 19, 2025.

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RANDY CRANE CHIEF JUDGE