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IN RE:)	SO-25-06
)	Chief District Judge
APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATE)	Travis R. McDonough
JUDGE MERIT SELECTION PANEL)	
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ORDER

Magistrate Judge Debra C. Poplin's appointment expires on February 12, 2026, and the Court is willing to consider her reappointment. Accordingly, the following are hereby appointed to serve on the Merit Selection Panel to consider the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Poplin:

James F. Parker, Esq. (Chair) Nicholas Wallace, Esq.

Grace M. Ewell, Esq. (Vice Chair) H. Bruce Guyton (non-attorney)

Troy B. Jones, Esq. Frankie N. Weaver (non-attorney)

Brent Jones, Esq.

The panel members have received written notification of the restriction in *Guide to Judiciary Panel*, Vol. 3, Ch. 4 § 420.30.20(d), regarding member applications for magistrate judge positions.

The Merit Selection Panel shall review Magistrate Judge Debra C. Poplin's current service as a magistrate judge and other experiences, comments from members of the bar and the public, and other evidence of Magistrate Judge Poplin's good character, ability, and commitment to equal justice under the law. To encourage candor, the Merit Selection Committee should assure individuals who comment that their names will not be disclosed. Magistrate Judge Poplin

should be given an opportunity to appear personally before the panel and answer any questions regarding her performance and to respond to negative comments, if any, received by the panel.

On or before ninety (90) days from entry of this order, the Merit Selection Panel must submit to the Chief Judge of this Court its report, in confidence, whether it recommends Magistrate Poplin for reappointment.

SO ORDERED.

TRAVIS R. MCDONOUGH

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE