

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

RE: APPOINTMENT OF U.S. MAGISTRATE
JUDGE MERIT SELECTION PANEL

AMENDED ORDER

The following individuals, having given their consent to serve, are hereby appointed as the Merit Selection Panel to advise the Court on the selection of a new full-time U.S. Magistrate Judge.

Hon. Hildy Bowbeer, retired (Chair)

Stephanie Ball, Esq.
Hon. Steven Hanke
Sterling Knox
Emily Larson
Andy Luger, Esq.
Katherian Roe, Esq.

Mark Rubin, Esq.
J.D. Schmid, Esq.
Erica Schultz, Esq.
Brandon E. Vaughn, Esq.
Courtney E. Ward-Reichard, Esq.

The appointment of the Panel is effective as of the date of this order. The Panel must review applications, interview prospective candidates, and recommend to the Court the five candidates it deems best qualified for the position. The Panel must provide its report and recommendation to the Court no later than September 4, 2026.

As of the date of this order, each Panel member has been provided with pertinent information regarding the Panel's official purpose, duties, and procedures. Written notice to the Panel members has been provided regarding the restriction on Merit Selection Panel Members to be considered for magistrate judge positions, under the *Guide to Judiciary Policy*, vol. 3, ch. 4, § 420.30.20(d).

Dated: 4/28/2026



Patrick J. Schiltz
Chief Judge
United States District Court