

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND**

**ORDER APPOINTING A MERIT SELECTION PANEL**

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 631, and the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States Establishing Standards and Procedures for the Selection, Appointment, and Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges, a Merit Section Panel is hereby created to consider the reappointments of Magistrate Judge Lincoln D. Almond and Magistrate Judge Patricia A. Sullivan.

This Court hereby appoints the following six (6) lawyers and two (2) non-lawyers as the Merit Selection Panel to consider the reappointments:

Justice A. Michael Silverstein	R.I. Superior Court Judge (retired), Panel Chair
Jose F. Batista, Esq.	Attorney at Law
Joanne Daley, AFPD	Attorney at Law
Dulce Donovan, AUSA	Attorney at Law
Deming E. Sherman, Esq.	Attorney at Law
Joshua D. Xavier, Esq.	Attorney at Law
Colonel Hugh T. Clements, Jr.	Providence Police Chief
Jordan Seaberry	Nonviolence Institute

This Merit Selection Panel shall review the performance of Magistrate Judge Lincoln D. Almond and Magistrate Judge Patricia A. Sullivan, comments received in response to the public notice, and the operations of each of their offices during their terms as United States Magistrate Judges.

The Merit Selection Panel may interview Magistrate Judges Lincoln D. Almond and Magistrate Judge Patricia A. Sullivan, and submit to this Court no later than April 6, 2020, a written report recommending whether Magistrate Judge Lincoln D. Almond and Magistrate Judge Patricia A. Sullivan should be reappointed to an additional term of office and any suggested changes which should be made for the improvement of operations of the Court in which they preside.

Merit Selection Panel members have been advised in writing of the restriction set forth in §420.30.20(d) of the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States Establishing Standards and Procedures for the Appointment and Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges.

By the Court:

January 6, 2020

/s/ John J. McConnell Jr., Chief Judge