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MSPB WELCOMES

VICE CHAIR RAYMOND LIMON AND MEMBER TRISTAN LEAVITT

On June 24, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden <u>nominated</u> Raymond Limon to serve as Vice Chair of the Board, and on September 13, 2021, President Biden nominated Tristan Leavitt to serve as Member of the Board. The U.S. Senate confirmed their nominations on March 1, 2022. The new Board members were administered the oath of office on March 4, 2022.

Upon being sworn in, Vice Chair and Acting Chair Limon expressed "gratitude to the hard-working MSPB employees and excitement about a quorum coming together to address the critical issues facing the Federal workforce today."

Mr. Leavitt stated: "A functioning civil service system is key to government accountability and using taxpayer dollars wisely. This is an important step forward for those principles, and I look forward to doing everything I can to advance them."

At the time of his nomination, Mr. Limon was serving as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Capital and Diversity, and Chief Human Capital Officer at the Department of the Interior. He was a career member of the Senior Executive Service, a former Peace Corps Volunteer, and has held positions at the Department of State, AmeriCorps (or the Corporation for National and Community Service), and the Office of Personnel Management. Mr. Limon received his B.A. from the University of Nevada Reno and his law degree from Indiana University, Bloomington.

Mr. Leavitt has been with MSPB since October 15, 2018, when he was appointed General Counsel by former Vice Chair Mark A. Robbins. Prior to joining MSPB, Mr. Leavitt served as the Principal Deputy Special Counsel at the Office of Special Counsel. Mr. Leavitt spent eight years on Capitol Hill handling various federal workforce policy issues, including serving on the staff of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary and the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Mr. Leavitt received his B.A. from Brigham Young University and his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

Until the appointments of Vice Chair Limon and Member Leavitt today, the Board has not had a quorum of members since January 7, 2017. With a quorum now in place, the Board can resume issuing final decisions on petitions for review and fulfilling other statutory missions for which a quorum is required.

The U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) is an independent, quasi-judicial agency whose mission is to protect the Merit System Principles and promote an effective Federal workforce free of Prohibited Personnel Practices.