

Report on Political Appointees to Nonpolitical Permanent Positions
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10/30/2024	Ramaswamy, Anushya	Special Advisor Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy Immediate Office of the Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy Department of Energy	12/8/2019	Schedule C GS-0301-12 \$84,490	1/20/2021	Foreign Affairs Specialist Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy International Nuclear Energy Policy and Cooperation Department of Energy	GS-0130-13 \$93,000	*Denied	11/19/2023	*Update from October 1, 2024-January 20, 2025 Quarterly Report. Decision updated from "pending" to "denied." Post-Appointment Review. Agency made appointment without first seeking OPM approval. (b)(5)-DPP, (b) (6) [REDACTED]
11/28/2024	Newell, Charles	Confidential Assistant Immediate Office of the Secretary Office of Policy Border and Immigration Policy Department of Homeland Security	9/27/2020	Schedule C GS-0301-09 \$45,627	1/20/2021	Policy Analyst Immediate Office of the Secretary Immediate Office of the Undersecretary Office of Policy Department of Homeland Security	GS-0301-11 \$56,963	*Denied	5/8/2022	*Update from October 1, 2024-January 20, 2025 Quarterly Report. Decision updated from "pending" to "denied." Post-Appointment Review. Agency made appointment without first seeking OPM approval. (b)(5)-DPP, (b) (6) [REDACTED]
12/19/2024	Feng, Ashley	Defense Fellow Washington Headquarters Services Department of Defense	1/4/2022	Schedule C GS-0301-11 \$56,963	3/25/2023	Foreign Affairs Officer Office of China Coordination Bureau East Asian and Pacific Affairs Department of State	GS-0130-13 \$88,220	*Denied	5/19/2024	*Update from October 1, 2024-January 20, 2025 Quarterly Report. Decision updated from "pending" to "denied." Post-Appointment Review. Agency made appointment without first seeking OPM approval. (b)(5)-DPP, (b) (6) [REDACTED]
2/12/2025	Name excluded. Returned without Action. Not appointed.	Title excluded. (b) (6) [REDACTED]	(b) (6)	Noncareer SES ES-034-00 \$163,100	1/20/2025	Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist (Federal Coordinating Officer) Office of Response and Recovery Field Operations Directorate Operational Coordination Division Federal Emergency Management Agency Department of Homeland Security	IC-0088-15 \$158,501	Returned	NA	(b)(5)-DPP, (b) (6) [REDACTED]
3/11/2025	Dunlap, Thomas	Special Assistant Office of the Vice Chairman National Transportation Safety Board	11/13/2018	Schedule C GS-0301-14 \$105,123	5/24/2024	Lead Transportation Specialist Office of Enforcement and Compliance Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Department of Transportation	GS-2101-14 \$135,987	Approved	8/25/2024	Post-Appointment Review. Agency made appointment without first seeking OPM approval.
3/24/2025	Jackson, Jack, Jr.	Tribal Liaison Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs Department of Labor	4/10/2022	Schedule C GS-0301-15 \$127,942	10/5/2024	Tribal Policy Engagement Specialist Office of Native Affairs and Policy Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau Federal Communications Commission	GS-0301-15 \$143,546	Denied	10/9/2024	Post-appointment review. Agency made appointment without first seeking OPM approval. (b)(5)-DPP, (b) (6) [REDACTED]
3/31/2025	Dansby, Joshua	Special Assistant to Commissioner Commissioners and Assistants U.S. Commission on Civil Rights	9/27/2021	Schedule C GS-0301-14 \$93,907	12/3/2022	Attorney-Adviser (General) Immediate Office of the Secretary Office of the General Counsel Intelligence Law Division Department of Homeland Security	GS-0905-14 \$99,172	Denied	12/4/2022	Post-appointment review. Agency made appointment without first seeking OPM approval. (b)(5)-DPP, (b) (6) [REDACTED]
4/7/2025	Name excluded. Returned without Action.	Title excluded. (b) (6) [REDACTED]	(b) (6)	Schedule C GS-0301-15 \$135,468	1/20/2025	Supervisory Attorney Advisor Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board	AD-905-00 \$195,200	Returned	NA	(b) (6) [REDACTED]
4/10/2025	Morales, Veronica	Director of Communications Office of the Administrator Department of Transportation	7/17/2022	Schedule C GS-0301-15 \$112,890	7/13/2024	Strategic Business Communication Planning Project Manager Office of Communications for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Department of Commerce	GS-0301-14 \$129,013	Approved	7/14/2024	Post-appointment review. Agency made appointment without first seeking OPM approval.

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4/22/2025	Carnemark, Karla	Deputy Chief of Staff Office of the Director Consumer Financial Protection Bureau	5/26/2019	Schedule C CN-0301-82 \$203,047	1/20/2021	Program Integration Specialist Defense Health Agency Defense Healthcare Management Systems Program Executive Office Department of Defense	NH-0301-04 \$132,086	Approved	9/11/2023	Post-appointment review. Agency made appointment without first seeking OPM approval.
4/22/2025	Dillon, Joseph	Special Assistant Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Department of Homeland Security	8/16/2020	Schedule C GS-0301-11 \$55,204	1/20/2021	Legislative Affairs Specialist Office of Legislative Affairs U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps Department of Defense	GS-0301-13 \$90,182	Denied	2/27/2023	Post-appointment review. Agency made appointment without first seeking OPM approval. (b)(5)-DPP, (b) (6) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
4/29/2025	Graver, Harry	Counsel Civil Division Office of the Assistant Attorney General Department of Justice	1/28/2025	Schedule C GS-0905-15 \$125,133	Held political appointment at time of request.	Trial Attorney Office of the Solicitor General Department of Justice	GS-0905-15 \$125,133	Approved	11/28/2025	On 5/18/2025, agency appointed selectee to a 14- month Excepted Appointment NTE 7/17/2026, pending background investigation. Agency appointed the selectee to the proposed permanent civil service position upon completion of successful background investigation.
4/29/2025	Borison, Hannah	Confidential Assistant Office of the Administrator Small Business Administration	3/15/2024	Schedule C GS-0301-11 \$66,247	11/2/2024	Program Analyst Women's Health Services Veterans Health Administration Department of Veterans Affairs	GS-0343-12 \$74,441	Approved	11/3/2024	Post-Appointment Review. Agency made appointment without first seeking OPM approval.
5/7/2025	Giuditta, Richard	Senior Advisor Office of the Secretary Department of Homeland Security	1/20/2025	Schedule C GS-0301-15 \$162,672	Held political appointment at time of request.	Chief Legal Counsel Office of the Chief Counsel U.S. Secret Service Department of Homeland Security	ES-0905-00 \$225,700	Approved	5/28/2025	
5/8/2025	Vafades, Mark	Senior Advisor Office of the Secretary Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology Department of Health and Human Services	11/25/2018	Schedule C GS-0301-15 \$138,659	1/20/2021	Management and Program Analyst (Audit) Operations Support Office Office of the Chief Medical Officer U.S. Customs and Border Protection Department of Homeland Security	GS-0343-14 \$135,987	Approved	9/8/2024	Post-appointment review. Agency made appointment without first seeking OPM approval.
6/17/2025	McDermott, Ryan	Associate Director Office of the Secretary Immediate Office Office of Counsellor/Chief of Staff Executive Secretariat Department of Commerce	12/9/2020	Schedule C GS-0301-11 \$55,204	1/20/2021	Program Analyst Acquisition and Sustainment Office of the Under Secretary of Defense Department of Defense	NH-0343-III \$114,813	Approved	7/15/2024	Post-appointment review. Agency made appointment without first seeking OPM approval.
6/18/2025	Cobley, Benjamin	Senior Director of Digital Strategy Office of Communications and Outreach Department of Education	2/16/2021	Schedule C GS-0301-14 \$93,907	9/10/2022	Information Technology Specialist Office of Communications and Outreach Digital Media and Creative Services Division Department of Education	GS-2210-14 \$104,804	Denied	12/29/2024	Post-appointment review. Agency made appointment without first seeking OPM approval. (b)(5)-DPP, (b) (6) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
6/25/2025	Smith, Tres	Special Assistant Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Office of the Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense and Global Security Office of the Secretary of Defense Department of Defense	8/17/2019	Schedule C GS-0301-15 \$138,572	1/20/2021	Supervisory Special Assistant Office of the Director Facilities Services Directorate Washington Headquarters Services Department of Defense	GS-0301-15 \$159,950	Approved	9/23/2024	Post-appointment review. Agency made appointment without first seeking OPM approval.
7/8/2025	Name excluded. Returned without Action. Not appointed.	Title excluded. (b) (6)	(b) (6)	Schedule C (b) (6) \$170,234	Held political appointment at time of request.	Public Affairs Specialist Office of the Chairman Office of Public Affairs Commodity Futures Trading Commission	CT-1035-15 \$178,848	Returned	NA	(b)(5)-DPP, (b) (6) [REDACTED]
10/29/2025	Name excluded. Decision Pending.	Title excluded. (b) (6)	(b) (6)	Schedule C GS-0301-09 \$45,627	1/20/2021	Correspondence Analyst Office of the Commissioner Immediate Office of the Commissioner U.S. Customs and Border Protection Department of Homeland Security	GS-0301-12 \$71,099	Pending	7/2/2023	Post-Appointment Review. Agency made appointment without first seeking OPM approval. (b)(5)-DPP, (b) (6)

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11/25/2025	Lane, Holly	Director of Advance Office of the Administrator Environmental Protection Agency	2/2/2020	Schedule C GS-0301-14 \$99,175	1/20/2021	Travel Planner U.S. Air Force Air Force Elements U.S. Central Command Department of War	GS-0301-13 \$115,079	Approved	10/21/2024	Post-appointment review. Agency made appointment without first seeking OPM approval.
12/5/2025	Doty, George, III	Associate Counsel to the President Office of the White House Counsel The White House Office	1/27/2017	PA AD-0301-00 \$119,000	1/19/2021	Assistant U.S. Attorney Executive Office of the United States Attorney South District of Florida, Miami Department of Justice	AD-0905-29 \$131,195	Approved	2/9/2026	
12/8/2025	Name excluded. Returned without Action. Not appointed.	Title excluded. (b) (6)	(b) (6)	Schedule C GS-0905-13 \$86,550	1/19/2021	Assistant U.S. Attorney Executive Office of the United States Attorney South District of Texas Department of Justice	AD-0905-28 \$113,661	Returned	NA	(b)(5)-DPP, (b) (6)
12/9/2025	Little, Caroline	Director, CIO Action Group Chief of Staff Chief Information Officer Office of the Secretary of War Department of War	12/20/2020	Schedule C GS-0301-13 \$78,681	1/20/2021	Financial Systems Analyst Director for Digital Transformation Deputy Comptroller for Enterprise Financial Transformation Office of the Under Secretary of War (Comptroller) Office of the Secretary of War Department of War	GS-0501-14 \$129,013	Approved	6/2/2024	Post-appointment review. Agency made appointment without first seeking OPM approval.

October 1, 2024 - January 20, 2025 REPORT UPDATED CASES FROM PREVIOUS REPORTS	
REQUEST DENIED:	3
TOTAL UPDATES	3

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REQUEST APPROVED:	13
REQUEST DENIED:	4
DECISION PENDING:	1
RETURNED WITOUT ACTION:	4
TOTAL UPDATES	22