

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD
WASHINGTON REGIONAL OFFICE**

USAGM INVOLUNTARY
SEPARATION GROUP 1
CONSOLIDATION,

DOCKET NUMBER
CF-0752-26-0137-I-1

Appellant,

DATE: June 12, 2026

v.

U.S. AGENCY FOR GLOBAL MEDIA,
Agency.

CASE PROCESSING ORDER

I **ORDER** the appellant to file a pleading **no later than July 17, 2026**, concerning the following matters:

1. Outline each appellant in the consolidation by name, individual docket number, and method of separation from the agency (*e.g.*, DRP, VERA, VSIP, or any combination). Please do so in a table or spreadsheet.
2. The uniform claim raised in this consolidated appeal is summarized by the appellant as Judge Lamberth's opinion voided actions taken by Lake during her asserted tenure as acting CEO and/or pursuant to the delegations of CEO authority to Lake between March 5, 2025 and November 19, 2025. Such voided actions include RIF notices and offers the agency made to its employees to resign or retire pursuant to the DRP, VERA, and/or VSIP. If any appellant in this consolidation is raising a distinct claim in addition to this one, they need to be identified by name, individual docket number, method of separation, and a synopsis of the

discrete claim(s). Please do so in a table or spreadsheet. If there is none, please advise me of such.

3. An update on the status of *Widakuswara v. Lake*, No. 1:25-cv-1015-RCL, or any similar appeal that relates to the appellant's claim herein, to include outlining any further appeal filed (*e.g.*, with a court of appeals) and how it impacts the processing of this consolidated appeal before the Board.

The agency is to file its response on these matters **no later than August 14, 2026**. After that, I will determine the next step in case processing.

To be clear, for now, case processing is limited to addressing the matters in this Order.

If any party fails to follow my orders or the Board's regulations, I may impose sanctions pursuant to [5 C.F.R. § 1201.43](#).

Paul DiTomaso

FOR THE BOARD:

Paul DiTomaso
Administrative Judge

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