

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

CATHY A. HARRIS, *in her personal capacity* :
and in her official capacity as Member of the :
Merit Systems Protection Board, :

Plaintiff, :

v. :

SCOTT BESSENT, *in his official capacity as* :
Secretary of the Treasury, et al., :

Defendants. :

Civil Action No.: 25-412 (RC)

Re Document No.: 22

ORDER

GRANTING PLAINTIFF’S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

For the reasons stated in the Court’s Memorandum Opinion separately and contemporaneously issued, Plaintiff Cathy A. Harris’s Motion for Summary Judgment (ECF No. 22) is **GRANTED**. It is hereby:

DECLARED that Plaintiff Cathy A. Harris remains a member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, having been confirmed by the Senate on May 25, 2022, and sworn in on June 1, 2022, and that she may be removed by the President prior to the expiration of her term in office only for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 1202; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff Cathy A. Harris shall continue to serve as a member of the Merit Systems Protection Board until her term expires pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 1202, unless she is earlier removed for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office under that statute. Defendants Secretary Scott Bessent, Deputy Director Trent Morse, Director Sergio Gor, Acting Chairman Henry Kerner, and Director Russell Vought are **ENJOINED** from

removing Harris from her office without cause or in any way treating her as having been removed without cause, denying or obstructing Harris's access to any of the benefits or resources of her office, placing a replacement in Harris's position, or otherwise recognizing any other person as a member of the Merit Systems Protection Board in Harris's position; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the Court's Temporary Restraining Order (ECF No. 8) is **VACATED**.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 4, 2025

RUDOLPH CONTRERAS
United States District Judge

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