

Interview

MEMORANDUM

January 15, 2013

TO: GO Committee
FROM: Linda Lauer, Clerk 
SUBJECT: Interviews (continued) - Merit System Protection Board

The Council received four applications to replace Bruce Wood, who will be completing his second term in December.

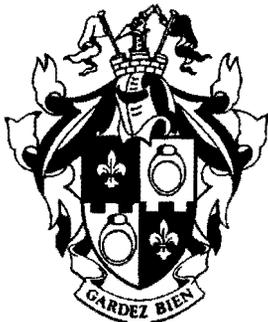
By law, no more than two of the three members of the Merit System Protection Board may be of the same political party. Since Mr. Wood was a Democrat, the appointee to this term may be a Democrat, Republican or someone who declines to affiliate with a party, or a member of another party officially recognized by the Board of Elections.

The other board members are Rodella E. Berry (D) and Julie Glass Martin-Korb (Unaffiliated).

The GO Committee interviewed Mr. Briel and Mr. Goldstein on December 3. Ms. Britt was unable to attend that interview so we have rescheduled her interview. After the interview was held, staff discovered that Mr. Chavera had submitted his application prior to the November 7, 2012 application deadline. His November 1 letter was attached to his application for the Board of Appeals and was not discovered in time for the first interview, so he will be interviewed at this time.

The Committee will interview **Ms. Sandra Britt** and **Mr. Roy Chavera** on Thursday, January 17 at 9:30 a.m. in the 6th floor front conference room. This packet includes resumes for all four applicants.

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Montgomery County Seeks Applicants For Merit System Protection Board

Deadline to Submit Applications is Wednesday, Nov. 7

ROCKVILLE, Md., September 28, 2012—The Montgomery County Council is accepting applications from qualified voters of the County for appointment to a three-year term on the Merit System Protection Board. Generally, the board is expected to oversee the Merit System and to protect employee and applicant rights guaranteed under the County Merit System. Applications must be received in the Council office by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7.

The second term of board member Bruce Wood (Democrat) will expire in December 2012. Since Mr. Wood has completed two terms on the board, he is not eligible for reappointment. The other board members are Rodella E. Berry (Democrat) and Julie Glass Martin-Korb (unaffiliated).

By law, no more than two of the three members of the Merit System Protection Board may be of the same political party. The appointee for this position may be a Democrat, a Republican or someone who declines to affiliate with a party. In addition, the appointee may be a member of another party officially recognized by the Board of Elections.

The County Merit System Protection Board's mission is to oversee the Merit System for the protection of employee's and applicant's rights guaranteed under the Merit System.

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There are two methods in which the board processes appeals: 1) a written decision issued after a review and discussion of a written record; or 2) a written decision issued after a pre-hearing conference and a formal hearing in cases involving a suspension, demotion or dismissal.

The board, on a periodic basis, conducts special studies, audits or inquiries of the administration of the merit and retirement pay systems and, in this effort, may compel the attendance of witnesses. Written reports of its findings and recommendations are filed with the County Executive and the County Council. The board also provides comments on any proposed changes in Merit System law or regulations.

The board holds hearings during the day, which can take the full day, with any additional proceedings scheduled for subsequent evening(s). Also, the board normally meets for approximately an hour in the evening once or twice every month. Additional time is also required for preparatory work.

Members of the board receive \$7,594 per year, which is adjusted annually to reflect 50 percent of the percentage change in the Washington Area Consumer Price Index.

Board members are restricted in political activity while serving. Section 403 of the County Charter states in part: ". . . No member shall hold political office or participate in any campaign for any political or public office during the member's term of office." Members of County boards, committees and commissions may not serve on more than one such group at a time.

Applicants should submit letters of interest with a resume to: Roger Berliner, President, Montgomery County Council, 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville, Maryland 20850 by 5 p.m. on Nov. 7, 2012. (email address: county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov) Resumes should include professional and civic experience, political party affiliation, home and office telephone numbers and an e-mail address. Letters and resumes submitted are made public as part of the appointment process. A financial statement of assets, debts, income and family property interests will be required of all applicants. Only the appointed candidates will be required to make the financial statement available to the public. Members of County boards, committees and commissions may not serve on more than one such group at a time.

For more information on the Merit System Protection Board appointment, call 240-777-7979.

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Merit System Protection Board
Applicant List 2013

Sandra Britt, Esq. (Democrat)

Raul (Roy) E. Chavera, Jr. (Independent)

Interviewed 12/3/12:

Moshe Briel (Unaffiliated)

Jerry R. Goldstein (Democrat)