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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority No. 629]

Title: Delegation of Authority to the Office of Presidential Appointments

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On August 11, 2026, the Under Secretary of State for Management signed a delegation of authority to the Director and Deputy Director of the Office of Presidential Appointments, as set out below.

DATES: The Under Secretary for Management signed the delegation of authority on August 11, 2029.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: (Begin Delegation text.)

Delegation of Authorities and Functions

Involving Administration of the Office of Presidential Appointments Programs

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Secretary of State in Delegation of Authority 514, and to the extent authorized by law, I hereby delegate to the Director of the Office of Presidential Appointments ("the Director"), and the Deputy Director of the Office of Presidential Appointments ("the Deputy Director") consistent with the duties of their office as outlined in the Foreign Affairs Manual and Foreign Affairs Handbook, the functions and authorities related to the programs, laws and regulations administered by or relating to the substantive specialty of the office as follows:

1. The authority to prescribe regulations and approve exceptions arising under laws administered by or relating to the programs of the Office of Presidential Appointments.
2. The authority to approve Minister-Counselor and Counselor diplomatic title exception requests where the lack of such title would constitute a major impairment to the effective performance of the member's duties or the function of the mission.
3. The authority to approve accreditation of persons who are not U.S. government employees abroad (including U.S. government personal services contractors; commercial contractors performing business on behalf of the U.S. government; and grantees).
4. The role of Custodian of the Great Seal of the United States, including all functions related to the operation of the Great Seal and maintenance of the press.

Technical Provisions

The Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, and the Under Secretary for Management, may at any time exercise the functions herein delegated.

Any actions related to the functions described herein that may have been taken prior to the date of this delegation of authority by the Office of Presidential Appointments consistent with their duties as outlined in the Foreign Affairs Manual or Foreign Affairs Handbook, are hereby affirmed and ratified. Such actions shall remain in force as if taken under this delegation of authority, unless or until such actions are rescinded, amended, or superseded.

Any act, executive order, regulation, manual or procedure subject to, affected, or incorporated by, this delegation shall be deemed to be such act, executive order, regulation, manual or procedure as amended from time to time. As used in this delegation of authority, the word “function” includes any duty, obligation, power, authority, responsibility, right, privilege, discretion, or activity.

Signed on August 11, 2026, by Jason Evans, Under Secretary for Management.

(End Delegation text.)

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2651a.)

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