MILITARY COMMISSIONS TRIAL JUDICIARY
GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA **v.** **ABD AL RAHIM HUSSAYN MUHAMMAD AL NASHIRI**	**AE 679A** **ORDER** **PANEL MEMBER QUESTIONNAIRE** **8 January 2026**

1. On 16 May 2025 in AE 629, the Commission issued a Pre-Trial Order (PTO) requiring the parties to submit a joint proposed written member questionnaire by 1 December 2025. The PTO instructed the parties that they may file a separate request seeking the approval of additional proposed questions to which the other party objected, supported by legal authority or argument in support of the proposed additional questions.

2. On 1 December 2025 the parties filed a joint notice in AE 629LL. However, the filing contained separate proposed questionnaires from each party, and did not include any legal argument, objections, or requests for additional questions.

3. The Government is **HEREBY ORDERED** to distribute the Commission's panel member questionnaire to the members **not later than 15 January 2026**. The questionnaires must be returned by the members not later than **15 February 2026**, upon which time the Government will collect the questionnaires and file them under seal with the Commission. *See* AE 679.

So **ORDERED** this 8th day of January 2026.

//***s***//
MATTHEW S. FITZGERALD
COL, USA
Military Judge

Attachment:
Attachment A – Panel Member Questionnaire[1]

[1] An unmarked copy of the Questionnaire will be provided for dissemination purposes.

ATTACHMENT A

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR
MILITARY COMMISSIONS TRIAL JUDICIARY
4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 11F09-02
Alexandria, VA 22350-2100

You are receiving this letter because you have been selected as a primary or alternate panel member in a military commission case. Pursuant to Rule for Military Commissions 912(a)(1), I have ordered the submission of this written questionnaire to each member.

Please answer each question in the following pages as completely and as accurately as possible. Complete answers will save the Commission and all parties involved a great deal of time.

There are no right or wrong answers to the questionnaire. We do not wish to invade your privacy, but we must ask these questions to assemble a fair and impartial panel in this matter. The only right answers are complete and honest responses to all questions. Your honest answers will permit the parties to select a panel with the least amount of inconvenience to you.

By answering in writing, we gain full and honest responses from you without revealing that information to the entire panel in open court. This will protect the confidentiality of your responses. The questionnaire will also spare you the long wait that usually occurs when the attorneys must repetitiously ask every prospective member the same questions. If you wish to discuss an answer further in private, please so indicate next to the question by writing "Private." If you do not understand a question, or if a question does not apply to you, you may also so indicate in writing. You may use additional pages if your written answers require more space.

Your full cooperation is of the greatest significance to the administration of justice in this Commission. The Commission needs your own personal answers; therefore, when completing the questionnaire, you should not discuss your answers with any other person.

I trust you will take your panel member service seriously and I thank you for your service.

Please complete this questionnaire in its entirety and return it to the party from whom you received it, no later than **15 February 2026**.

//**s**//
MATTHEW S. FITZGERALD
COL, USA
Military Judge
Military Commissions Trial Judiciary

PANEL MEMBER QUESTIONNAIRE

Date Prepared: _____

Personal and Military Background

1. Full name (First, middle, last):

2. Any previous names:

3. Sex/gender:

4. Race:

5. Ethnicity:

6. Where were you born and/or raised?

7. Home of Record (City & State) and/or State of Residence (if different):

8. Service/Branch:

9. Rank/Date of Rank:

[redacted] 1

10. Source of commission:

11. Years of active-duty service:

12. Prior enlisted service? Yes/No

13. In the past year, have there been any updates or corrections to your servicemember record brief (or service equivalent)?

14. Do you speak any foreign languages? Yes/No

14a. If so, which ones?

15. If applicable, where were you stationed in October 2000?

16. If applicable, where were you stationed in September 2001?

17. Have you ever served in a combat zone or hostile fire zone? Yes/No

17a. If so, when and where?

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17b. If so, were you or any of the servicemembers serving with you wounded, injured, or killed? Yes/No

18. Have any of your close family members or friends ever been wounded, injured, or killed in combat? Yes/No

19. Have you ever served overseas and/or lived in another country? Yes/No

19a. If so, when and where?

20. Have you ever traveled to or lived in the Middle East or another predominantly Muslim country? Yes/No

20a. If so, when and where?

21. Have you interacted extensively with people from Afghanistan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, or Yemen, while deployed or otherwise? Yes/No

21a. If so, please explain, including when and where:

22. Related to your involvement in the Armed Forces, have you ever been in a situation in which you were required to take a human life or order the taking of a human life? Yes/No

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23. Have you ever served as a commanding officer? Yes/No

23a. If so, when and for what unit/command(s)?

24. Have you ever attended Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) training? (Do not include computer-based training). Yes/No

Family Background

25. Marital Status:

□ Married	□ Single, Never Married	□ Separated
□ Divorced	□ Widowed	□ Remarried

26. If you have ever been married, how long were you married or how long have you been married?

27. Do you have any dependents? Yes/No

27a. If so, please list the number of total dependents, and their age and sex (i.e., 3 dependents, F-32, M-8, F-4).

28. If you are married, is your current spouse professionally employed? Yes/No

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28a. If so, please list your current spouse's employer and title.

28b. What is your spouse's race/ethnicity?

28c. If you have ever been married, is your current spouse (or a former spouse) a member of the Armed Forces? Yes/No

28d. If so, was your spouse/former spouse involved in combat? Yes/No

29. Have any of your parents (including stepparents or foster parents), siblings (including stepsiblings and foster siblings), or children ever served in the Armed Forces? Yes/No

30. Were any of your close friends or family members killed or injured as a result of any terrorist attack, including the September 11, 2001 attacks? Yes/No

31. Have you ever been to U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, before? Yes/No

31a. If so, explain:

Educational Background

32. What is the general nature of your educational background?

33. What degrees do you hold and from what institutions?

34. What was your undergraduate major?

35. If applicable, what was your area of focus in graduate or professional school?

36. Do you have any other military or civilian professional education?

37. In your military and/or civilian education, have you studied or written any articles or papers regarding the application of the law of war, the use of force, rules of engagement, or terrorism? Yes/No

37a. If so, please identify the topics:

38. Have you ever taken any specialized courses, seminars, or training required for a degree or certification in the following areas (please select all that apply):

□ Biology	□ Chemistry	□ Constitutional Law	
□ Counseling	□ Criminal Justice	□ Criminology	
□ Crisis Intervention	□ Education	□ Emergency Response	
□ Family Therapy	□ Law Enforcement	□ Medicine	
□ Pharmacology	□ Philosophy	□ Psychology	
□ Psychiatry	□ Religion	□ Social Work	□ Sociology

39. Have you ever taken/attended a Commander's legal course? Yes/No

40. Do you have a particular interest in, or knowledge of any of the following areas? For example, do you make an effort to read books or articles, watch or listen to documentaries, television series, or other media reporting on or depicting:

□ The correctional system, jails, prisons, detention centers, inmates, or guards

□ Local, state, or federal law enforcement agencies and/or their agents

□ The death penalty, capital trials, death row, etc.

□ Terrorist attacks, victims of terrorist attacks, rescue efforts, etc.

□ Immigration law and policy

□ Muslim or Islamic Culture

41. Have you or any close family members or friends belonged to any group or organization that focuses on (select all that apply):

□ Crime prevention	□ Victims' rights	□ Prisoners' rights
□ Immigration	□ Human rights	□ Legal reform

Criminal Justice and Legal Background

42. Have you ever served as a military or civilian police officer or an officer of any law enforcement agency? Yes/No

42a. If so, please list the agency, position, dates of service, and reason for leaving, if applicable:

43. Have any of your close family members or friends ever served as a military or civilian police officer or an officer of any law enforcement agency? Yes/No

43a. If so, please list the agency, position, dates of service, and reason for leaving, if applicable:

44. Have you ever worked for or had any professional contact with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) or any other federal civilian law enforcement agency? Yes/No

44a. If so, please explain:

45. Have you or any close family members or friends ever been associated with any program involved with the rehabilitation of persons convicted of a crime? Yes/No

45a. If so, please explain:

46. Have you or any close family members or friends ever worked in a private security or detective service? Yes/No

46a. If so, please explain the type of service and position:

47. Have you or any close family members or friends ever worked as a first responder for any local, state, or federal emergency response organization? Yes/No

47a. If so, which agency or organization and in what capacity?

48. Have you or any close family members or friends ever worked in a correctional facility or program such as a prison, jail, state hospital, halfway house, or detention center? Yes/No

48a. If so, what facility, and in what capacity?

49. Have you or any close family members or friends ever worked in the military or civilian justice systems (as a judge, prosecutor, defense attorney, bailiff, etc.)? Yes/No

49a. If so, where, and in what capacity?

50. Have you or any close family members or friends ever been party to or a witness in any criminal trial in military or civilian court? Yes/No

50a. If so, when did that occur and under what circumstances?

51. Have you ever served as a panel member in a court-martial or a military commission? Yes/No

52. Have you ever served as a jury member in a civilian trial? Yes/No

53. Have you ever served on a civilian grand jury? Yes/No

54. Have you ever served as a member of any other type of fact-finding body charged with determining guilt or innocence? Yes/No

54a. If so, please explain:

55. Have you ever served in any capacity on a detainee periodic review board or combatant status review tribunal? Yes/No

55a. If so, please explain:

56. Have you ever served as a non-lawyer trial counsel or defense counsel? Yes/No

56a. If so, please explain:

57. Have you ever served as an administrative separation board member or board of inquiry member? Yes/No

58. Have you ever served as a representative of the U.S. Government at an administrative separation board? Yes/No

59. Have you ever served as an Investigating Officer or Preliminary Hearing Officer for an Article 32 proceeding? Yes/No

60. Have you ever presided over a summary court-martial? Yes/No

61. Have you ever convened (as an OIC/Commander) any of the following:

□ Summary Court-Martial □ Special Court-Martial

□ Article 32 Proceeding □ General Court-Martial

62. Have you ever referred charges to a court-martial against a servicemember? Yes/No

63. Have you ever imposed non-judicial punishment under Article 15 of the UCMJ? Yes/No

64. Have you ever been assigned, outside of your primary duties, to investigate a matter as a preliminary inquiry officer, investigating officer, or preliminary hearing officer under Article 32, UCMJ? Yes/No

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64a. If so, please explain:

65. Do you know any lawyers, prosecutors, or judges on a personal or professional basis? Yes/No

66. Have you or any close family members or friends ever worked for a lawyer or law firm, or worked in the legal field in another capacity? Yes/No

66a. If so, explain:

67. Have you or any close family members or friends been the victim of a crime? Yes/No

68. Have you or any close family members or friends been a witness to a crime? Yes/No

69. Have you or any close family members or friends ever testified as a witness in any legal proceeding? Yes/No

Media

70. What is the most important source of news for you? (i.e., newspaper, television, radio, etc.)

71. Which newspapers, magazines, or periodicals, if any, do you read on a regular basis?

72. What television or radio programs or podcasts do you regularly watch or listen to on a regular basis?

73. Do you regularly view, author, or participate in any online blogs? (i.e., Substack, Reddit, etc.)

74. Have you ever written a letter to the editor or an opinion editorial for a newspaper or other periodical or made any other type of public speech or statements discussing military commissions? Yes/No

75. Have you ever lobbied or otherwise written to any of your elected representatives about military commissions? Yes/No

76. Have you ever received education or training (formal or informal) about the military commission system? Yes/No

77. In the past 10 years, have you followed media coverage regarding terrorist attacks or any legal proceedings related to those attacks? Yes/No

78. In the past 10 years, have you followed any particular military or civilian criminal court cases in the media? Yes/No

79. Have you read any magazine articles, newspaper articles, or other publications about Afghanistan, Iraq, the Taliban, or al Qaeda? Yes/No

80. Have you watched any documentaries, movies, or television series about Afghanistan, Iraq, the Taliban, or al Qaeda? Yes/No

81. Have you read any books relating to terrorism including the attacks of September 11, 2001, Usama bin Laden, al Qaeda, the Taliban, terrorism, Afghanistan, Islam, Islamic fundamentalism, the Arab-Israeli conflict, or other related topics? Yes/No

81a. If so, list any that particularly stood out to you:

82. Have you ever read any books authored by Secretary of War Peter B. Hegseth? Yes/No

83. Have you read the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) report on the CIA's Rendition, Detention, and Interrogation Program, or watched or heard anything about it? Yes/No

84. As a part of your professional duties, do you recall having ever received, possessed, viewed, analyzed, or been made aware of official intelligence information related to or regarding al Qaeda or its affiliates? Yes/No

Other

85. Have you or a close family member or friend ever worked in the mental health field or related fields (such as a psychiatrist, psychologist, psychiatric nurse, social worker, counselor, etc.)? Yes/No

86. Have you or a close family member or friend ever provided care or support, in any capacity, to wounded veterans, their families, or victims of crimes or terrorist attacks? Yes/No

86a. If so, in what capacity?

87. Have you or any close family members or friends ever studied for or served in a position of responsibility in any religious organization? Yes/No

87a. If so, please explain:

88. Have you ever attended any religious school or received any specific religious education? Yes/No

88a. If so, explain:

89. Do you have any religious, moral, philosophical, or personal beliefs that would prevent you from sitting in judgement of another person generally? Yes/No

89a. If so, explain:

90. Do you have any political, social, religious, spiritual, or philosophical beliefs that may affect your ability to serve as a panel member in a military commission? Yes/No

90a. If so, explain:

91. How knowledgeable are you about the history and practices of Islam?

□Very knowledgeable □Somewhat knowledgeable □ Not knowledgeable at all

92. What are your preferred hobbies/interests? What do you like to do in your spare time?

93. Do you have any hearing, vision, or other physical or medical condition which would make it difficult for you to hear the testimony in this case or to remain seated for long periods of time? Yes/No

If you need additional space to answer any questions, please do so here, listing the question number: