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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: NMB Case No. R-7669

(NMB File No. CR-7265) Alaska Airlines/AMFA/IAM

Eligibility Issues – Cleaners and Fuelers

Dear Sirs:

By letter dated September 2, 2025, the NMB invited the parties to submit challenges to the eligibility list submitted by the Carrier on August 13, 2025. As per the NMB Representation Manual:

All challenges or objections must be supported by substantive evidence. Unsupported allegations will not be considered.

NMB Section 8.2.

The IAM's response, dated September 16, 2025, self-consciously concedes that the organization does not assert "traditional challenges or objections" but nevertheless asserts that the Carrier's August 2025 seniority list "warrants removal" of twenty-two (22) Alaska employees.

AMFA regrets the IAM's cavalier approach to the right of Alaska employees to participate in any future union representation election. The organization's effort to exclude these employees is supported by nothing more than a declaration of IAM Airline Coordinator James Carlson, who cannot pretend to any knowledge of Alaska operations. Moreover, the only "evidence" that the Carlson declaration presents is a seniority list.

However, The Board has repeatedly found that an employee's absence from a seniority list does not establish that the employee/employer relationship no longer exists. *United Airlines Inc.* 28 NMB 533, 573 (2001) ("absence from a seniority list is not dispositive . . . such lists cannot substitute for the List of Potential Eligible Voters."); *American Airlines* 31 NMB 539, 592 (2004) (a seniority list "without more, is insufficient to establish a ground for exclusion.").

The Board has further held that declarations from union or carrier employees unaccompanied by probative evidence are hearsay and, therefore, insufficient to support a challenge to the eligibility list. *US Airways/America West Airlines*, 33 NMB 321, 334 (2006) (affirming investigator's conclusion that hearsay declarations were inadequate to support the union's challenge); *USAir*, *Inc.*, 24 NMB 38, 48 (1996) (finding evidence consisting of declarations from carrier employees with no additional evidence was "not sufficient, in light of the carrier's employment records ... to warrant deleting" names from the eligibility list.).

As addressed in the attached declaration of AMFA Local 32 Airline Representative Jeff Heard, granting the IAM's request would, *inter alia*, deprive Alaska Line Aircraft Maintenance Technicians (AMTs) who, though terminated, have pending grievances seeking reinstatement. (Heard Declaration ¶¶ 2-5 and Exhibits A and B). Depriving these AMTs of the right to vote would be in contravention of Section 9.203 of the NMB Representation Manual, which provides that such employees are entitled to vote where "the dismissal is being appealed through an applicable grievance procedure…."

The IAM also seeks to exclude an Alaska AMT who was on a temporary supervisor assignment from May 7, 2025, until September 30, 2025. The total number of days the AMT worked as a temporary supervisor was fewer than ninety (90) days and, therefore, he retained and accrued seniority as an AMT throughout this entire period. (Heard Declaration \P 6 and Exhibit C). During his brief tenure as a temporary supervisor, he did not have the authority to hire or fire, administer discipline, or commit carrier funds. (Heard Declaration \P 6). As of October 1, 2025, the AMT had returned to his AMT position. (*Id.*).

The IAM's effort to deprive this AMT of the right to vote must be rejected for two reasons. First, the IAM has submitted no substantive evidence that, during his brief tenure as a temporary supervisor, the AMT ever possessed the indicia of management official status. *Simmons Airlines*, 15 NMB 228, 231 (1988) (temporary supervisor found eligible where: "No substantive evidence has been presented to indicate that she possesses any indicia of a management official or that she is working in another craft or class.").

Second, a member of a craft or class temporarily serving in a supervisor position on the cut-off date has been found eligible to vote in an election when the individual has an expectation of continued employment in the craft or class. *Midway Airlines, Inc.* 15 NMB 26, 35 (1987). The expectation of continued employment in the craft or class gives the employee a "present interest" in the craft or class. *Simmons Airlines*, 15 NMB at 231. As stated above, the AMT in question has already resumed his employment as an AMT within the craft or class of Mechanics and Related Employees.

Because the IAM has failed to provide any substantive evidence in support of its status change requests, these requests should not be considered by the Board. The specific instances referenced above demonstrate that the IAM's approach recklessly threatens the voting rights of Alaska AMTs.

Sincerely,

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GRIEVANCE, SUSPENSION, AND DISCHARGE APPEAL FORMAircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association vs. Alaska Airlines

Date:	Station:		Employee Number:			
Name of Grievant:						
Home Address:						
City:	State:	Zip Code:	Phone Number:			
Job Title/Classificat	ion:		Seniority Date:			
Shift:	Hours Worked:	Days Off:	Bid Location:			
Work Phone Number:		Manager or	Manager or Supervisor:			
Grievance Occurred	l at: (place):	at (time):	on (Date):			
PARTICULAR ARTICLES AND PARAGRAPHS VIOLATED and any other applicable provisions of the contract:						
NATURE OF THE GRIEVANCE:						
AS A RESOLUTION TO THIS GRIEVANCE:						
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I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association, with full power of attorney, to represent me in all stages of the Grievance procedure in the presenting and settling of this grievance.						
Grievant:		Unio	on Representative:			
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AGREEMENT

between

ALASKA AIRLINES, INC.

and the

AIRCRAFT MECHANICS FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION

for

Technicians and Related Crafts Employees

October 17, 2023 ending October 17, 2028



1		ARTICLE 9				
2		<u>SENIORITY</u>				
3 4 5 6	A.	A. Company Seniority of present Employees will include total length of continuous service with the Company or any of its predecessor companies for the purposes of obtaining benefits, bidding vacation, and travel boarding priority regardless of departmental transfers. //				
U		transfers. W				
7	B.	Union Category Seniority ("Category Seniority") will be defined as the length of				
8		service for which an Employee receives credit in any of the classifications set forth in				
9 10		Article 4 and will accrue from the date upon which an Employee enters such Category.				
11		1. Initial Catagory Sonionity for Employang amployed in any of the alagaifications				
11 12		1. <u>Initial Category Seniority for Employees employed in any of the classifications</u> set forth in Article 4 at the date when this Agreement is ratified will be calculated				
13		using the Employee's Technician and Related seniority.				
14		2. Category Seniority will govern as provided for in this Agreement.				
15		3. The Union Categories to be recognized for seniority purposes will be as ranked				
16		below:				
17		a. <u>Category 1</u>				
18		i. <u>Lead/OJT Maintenance Controller.</u>				
19		ii. Maintenance Controller.				
20		iii. <u>Lead/OJT Inspector.</u>				
21		iv. <u>Inspector.</u>				
22		v. Lead/OJT Technician (Aircraft, Machinist, Avionics, Facilities,				
23		Automotive).				
24		vi. <u>Technician (Aircraft, Machinist, Avionics, Facilities, Automotive).</u>				
25		b. <u>Category 2</u>				
26		i. <u>Lead/OJT Fleet Service.</u>				
27		ii. <u>Fleet Service.</u>				
28		iii. <u>Technician Helper.</u>				
29		iv. <u>Lead Janitor.</u>				
30		v. <u>Janitor.</u>				
31	<u>//</u>					
32	C.					
33		1. New Employees // will be regarded as probationary Employees for the first one				
34		thousand forty (1,040) hours worked during their employment. Prior to the				

- completion of <u>// their</u> probationary period, the Company may administer a written and/or practical trade test to help measure the probationary <u>Employee</u>'s skills and abilities. The Company <u>// will</u> have the right to unilaterally terminate any <u>Employee</u> during the probationary period.
- 2. If retained in the service of the Company after the probationary period, the names of such <u>Employees // will</u> then be placed on the Seniority List in the order of the date of their original hiring. The date of hire will be the <u>Employee</u>'s first day of paid service. To decide the position of two (2) or more <u>Employees</u> on the Seniority List, whose hiring date or date of entering a // <u>Category</u> is the same, the following procedure will be used in sequence as outlined **below**:
 - a. Date of entering // Category;
 - b. Hiring date;

- c. Chronological age.
- 3. Any Employee who has had a break in service during their // probationary period and who is re-employed within three hundred sixty-five (365) days from the last day worked prior to their // break in service will be credited with previous Company service in the // Category and their // seniority date will be adjusted by excluding the break in service time. All hours worked by a probationary Employee in a temporary position will count towards completion of the probationary hours.
- D. Seniority lists, showing the <u>// Category</u> and <u>Company Seniority dates</u> of all <u>Employees</u> <u>// are made a part of this Agreement, corrected to December 1, April 1 and August 1 will be posted by January 1, May 1 and September 1 of each year on the M&E website.</u>
 - **1**. The Company will supply the Seniority List to each Airline Representative and the AMFA Administrative Office electronically.
 - 2. The lists will be arranged and numbered in seniority order by // Category and will show each Employee's name and // Category date, Company Seniority date, current bid location, classification, and will be subject to correction upon protest, if complaint is filed within thirty (30) calendar days after the Local Contract Committee or Local designated Shop Representative and the Company Supervisor have electronically received the seniority list.
 - a. Protests // will be filed through the Local Contract Committee and directed to the Airline Representative and the Company Personnel Department.
 - b. The Airline Representative and the Company // will meet within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the protest to resolve the protest and reply to the Local Contract Committee. If no protest is filed within the aforementioned thirty (30) calendar days from the initial time the Employee's name appears on a particular list, such list // will be presumed beyond question to be correct; and no protest, grievance suit, or other means // will thereafter be commenced or entertained to change said date for any Employee unless a subsequent list

alters <u>their //</u> seniority date.

- E. Employees promoted to positions within the Company not covered by the Agreement will retain and continue to accrue seniority <u>in their current Category(ies)</u> // from which promoted for a period of ninety (90) calendar days from the time of the promotion. // <u>D</u>uring such time <u>they</u> // will // have the option of returning to // their former position under the Agreement.
 - 1. After completion of the aforementioned ninety (90) <u>calendar</u> day period, <u>// they // will cease to accrue, but will retain their former <u>// Category Seniority</u> for a period not to exceed two (2) years on <u>a cumulative // basis</u>.</u>
 - 2. If during the aforementioned two (2) year period, <u>// they are</u> laid off as a management employee, <u>they //</u> will be permitted to exercise <u>// their</u> retained <u>Category S</u>eniority to bid a vacancy, or to displace the most junior <u>Employee</u> in the highest <u>// Category</u> in which // they hold seniority at the location from which promoted.
 - 3. After the two (2) year period **set forth in Subparagraph E.1., their** // name will be removed from all seniority lists.
- F. Employees who are selected to fill a temporary management position within the Company, not covered by this Agreement, will retain and continue to accrue seniority <u>in their current Category(ies)</u> // from which promoted for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days worked in such position(s) on a cumulative basis <u>per rolling twelve (12) month period.</u> //
 - 1. During such time, <u>// they // will</u> have the option of returning to <u>their //</u> former position under the Agreement without penalty or loss of <u>Category Seniority</u>.
 - 2. While filling a temporary upgrade to a management position, such **E**mployee is not eligible for overtime under this // Agreement.
 - 3. // After completion of the ninety (90) days as outlined in this // Paragraph F.//, an Employee selected for an additional upgrade to a temporary management position not covered by this Agreement will retain but not accrue // Category Seniority. // Category Seniority accrual will cease during this additional time spent in management for the remainder of the calendar year.
 - 4. On a quarterly basis the Company will furnish the Airline Representative(s) with a report of all temporary management days worked in accordance with this // Paragraph F. //
- 32 <u>G</u>. Employees <u>// will</u> lose their seniority status and their names will be removed from the seniority list under the following conditions:
 - 1. // **They** quit // **or resign** //;
 - 2. <u>// They are</u> discharged for cause;

3. <u>// They are</u> absent from work for <u>// five (5)</u> consecutive work days without properly notifying the Company for the reason of <u>// their</u> absence unless a satisfactory reason is given for not notifying the Company;

- 4. <u>// They do</u> not inform the Company in writing <u>//</u> of <u>// their</u> intention to return to service within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of notice offering actual or potential reemployment; or
- 5. // They do not return to the service of the Company on or before a date specified in the notice from the Company offering them // re-employment which date // will not be prior to fifteen (15) calendar days after sending such notice. The date or re-employment may be earlier if // agreed upon by the Employee accepting recall and the Company. // This Subparagraph G.5. // will not apply to work offers of less than ninety (90) calendar days.
- 6. All notices required to be sent under <u>//</u> Subparagraphs G.(4)-(5). // will be sent by registered mail, return receipt requested, to the <u>Employee</u> at the last address filed by <u>them //</u> with the Company. <u>// Employees will</u> promptly advise the Company of any change of address.
- <u>H</u>. Any <u>Employee</u> holding seniority in <u>a Category</u> // higher than <u>their</u> // present // <u>Category</u> and failing to bid on a posted job in such higher // <u>Category</u> for which // <u>they have</u> previously qualified, // <u>will</u> lose all seniority in such // <u>Category</u>, except, at no time // <u>will</u> an <u>Employee</u> be compelled to bid on a vacancy at another station. The same // <u>will</u> apply if <u>their</u> // bid is withdrawn prior to the bid award or failure to accept after the award.
 - 1. // These provisions of Paragraph H. may not apply for a period of six (6) months after an Employee has been transferred to their // present station if they // receive an exemption from the local Airline Representative(s). The Airline Representative(s) // will advise the Company in writing of such exemptions prior to the awarding of the bid.
 - 2. When an Employee successfully bids from a higher Category // to a lower Category //, // they // will lose // their seniority in all // Categories which are rated higher than the one to which // they have successfully bid.
- <u>I</u>. Employees who have given long and faithful service in the employ of the Company and who have become unable to handle their normal assignments, may request to be given preference for such other available work as they are able to handle.
- J. Employees successfully bidding // to a higher // Category // will retain and accrue seniority in the Category // from which they advanced //.
 - K. In the event of a vacancy in <u>a Category 1 position //</u> as set forth in <u>Subparagraph B.3.a.</u> // above, those <u>Employees //</u> having the proper qualifications <u>within Category 2 // will</u> be allowed to bid on that job before a <u>non-Employee //</u> is hired into that vacancy. If an <u>Employee who does not already have // Category 1 seniority // fills such a vacancy, <u>they</u> // will begin to accrue <u>Category 1 seniority // and // will retain and continue to accrue</u></u>

Category 2 seniority. //

- <u>L</u>. When it becomes necessary to reduce the number of <u>E</u>mployees in any classification <u>//</u>, the Company will reduce the <u>E</u>mployees in that classification with the least <u>Category</u> <u>S</u>eniority at the affected station in any given bid location.
 - 1. Prior to a reduction in force (RIF) of five (5) or more Employees, or more than twenty percent (20%) at a station, the Company will meet with the Local Airline Representative(s) to discuss their plans including any possible relocation impact to affected Employees. The discussion may include whether additional relocation assistance should be considered beyond what is // set forth in Article 15, Subparagraph C.1.
 - 2. In the event of <u>// a RIF</u> of <u>Employees</u> who have completed their probationary period, two (2) calendar weeks' notice (or such longer period as may be required by law) <u>// will</u> be given by the Company, or pay in lieu thereof, with a copy of such notice furnished to the Local Airline Representative(s) and to the AMFA National Administrative Office. If employment is temporarily interrupted because of a strike or picketing of Company premises, an act of God, a national war emergency, revocation of the Company's operating certificate(s), or grounding of the <u>// Company's</u> aircraft by government order, the notice will not apply.
 - 3. The Employee(s) affected by a <u>// RIF // will</u>, within seven (7) calendar days, give written notice on a furlough option sheet to the Company and the Union exercising <u>// their Category Seniority</u> in the following manner or their // name <u>// will</u> be stricken from all seniority lists. Reference Subparagraph N.1//.
 - a. They // must displace the most junior Employee in // their current classification in any bid location at their // station, or accept a vacancy in their // current Category // at their // station.
 - b. If unable to exercise <u>their //</u> current <u>// Category Seniority in // their</u> own station, <u>they //</u> must further exercise <u>their // Category Seniority</u> by one <u>(1)</u> of the options outlined below.
 - i. Displace the most junior Employee at any station in their // current // Category // system wide //. Employee(s) who have exercised their Category Seniority by this Subparagraph will have first right of recall to the station from which they were furloughed.
 - ii. Displace the most junior <u>Employee</u> in any <u>// Category</u> in which <u>// they hold</u> seniority at <u>// their station</u>, or accept a vacancy in any <u>// Category // they hold</u> seniority in at <u>their // station</u>.
 - iii. Provided the <u>Employee</u> is unable to exercise seniority in <u>//</u>
 <u>Subparagraph 3.b.ii</u> above, <u>// they</u> may displace the most junior <u>Employee</u> at any station in any <u>// Category</u> in which <u>// they hold</u> seniority or accept a vacancy in any <u>// Category</u> in which <u>// they hold</u>

seniority. This option will entitle the **E**mployee to first right of recall to the station from which **they were** // furloughed.

iv. An Employee may go on layoff status at the station // affected by a // RIF, providing // they have exercised seniority within their Category to fullest extent possible. // An Employee who is unable to exercise seniority in their Category may, but is not required to, exercise their seniority in a lower Category, and // may elect to go on // layoff status rather than exercise seniority in a lower Category classification, in which event // they will lose severance pay and seniority in // the lower Category. //

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- 4. Employees given layoff notice and accepting a layoff at their station will be required to inform the Company and the Union in writing if they will accept re-employment of less than ninety (90) calendar days. An Employee will be allowed to change their // intentions with another letter mailed prior to the mailing date of the letter from the Company offering re-employment.
- 5. Employees electing to exercise the above options will not be permitted to displace a junior Employee at some later date.
- 6. Employees on layoff will continue to accrue seniority in all <u>// Categories</u> from which laid off for up to two (2) years provided <u>// they abide</u> by <u>// Subparagraph 3.b.</u> above and <u>// will</u> have recall rights for ten (10) years from the date of <u>// layoff</u>, unless otherwise relinquished per this Article.
- M. In the event of the geographical relocation in whole or in part of any of the work performed by any of the Employees //, the Employees affected will have the option of following the work or exercising their seniority rights as provided for in Paragraph //L. above. In the case of geographical relocation of work between maintenance stations within a fifty (50) mile radius, the Employees in the affected station(s) will first be offered the opportunity to voluntarily follow the work in seniority order. If // an insufficient number voluntarily elect to follow the work, the remaining number will be selected in reverse seniority order and have the option of following the work or exercising their seniority rights as provided for in Paragraph //L. above. // In the event of a geographical relocation, an insufficient number of // Employees transfer to such jobs, the remaining vacancies will be filled in accordance with the Agreement.
- N. Recall of Laid off Employee(s) An Employee on "layoff", for the purpose of Article 9, is // an Employee who has been displaced from their // station // and is not employed in any position covered by this Agreement.
 - 1. At the time of <u>// RIF</u> notice, the affected Employee(s) will indicate on <u>// their RIF</u> option sheet the stations to which <u>// they</u> will accept recall. A recall form must be filed by January 15th of each year, pursuant to Article 9, in order to remain eligible for recall. Subsequently, a preference bid pursuant to Article 10 may be utilized to identify

additional stations to which // they wish to be recalled.

<u>Example</u>: An <u>Employee</u> on station layoff, who submits a preference bid and accepts recall to a station other than one indicated on <u>// their RIF</u> option sheet/recall form will be removed from the recall list but will not be subject to the restrictions <u>// set forth</u> in Article 10, <u>Paragraph</u> I. In order to return to <u>// their</u> original station <u>they //</u> must submit a preference bid.

<u>Example</u>: An <u>Employee</u> on station layoff, who submits a preference bid but declines recall to a station other than one indicated on <u>// their // RIF</u> option sheet/recall form will be subject to the restriction outlined in Article 10, <u>Subparagraph</u> A.1.

- 2. An Employee on layoff who fails to accept recall to a selected station will lose their // seniority and // they will be considered to have resigned from the Company.
- 3. An Employee on layoff who is recalled // will be given notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of record. A copy of this notice // will also be sent to their // Airline Representative(s). The Employee must notify the Company in writing // within seven (7) days of receipt as to whether // they intend to report for work at the designated time. Failure to notify the Company within the seven (7) days and report at the designated time will result in the loss of all seniority rights and the Employee will be considered to have resigned.
- 4. Concurrent with notice of recall referenced in <u>Subparagraph N.3.</u> // above, the Company may send a notice of potential recall to other laid off <u>Employee(s)</u> who have designated the same station. Such notice // will be by certified mail, return receipt requested to the last known address of record. A copy of this notice // will also be sent to <u>their</u> // Airline Representative(s). The <u>Employee</u> must notify the Company in writing or electronic mail within <u>seven (7)</u> days of receipt as to whether // they intend to accept recall to such station if offered. Failure to notify the Company within the <u>seven (7)</u> days will result in the loss of all seniority rights and the <u>Employee</u> will be considered to have resigned.
- <u>5</u>. An <u>Employee</u> who elects to take a station layoff in lieu of exercising <u>their //</u> seniority to the fullest extent on the system, will be eligible to be awarded a vacancy according to their <u>// Category Seniority</u>. This <u>Employee</u> does not have first recall rights.
- 6. There will be no preference bids awarded at a station until all Employees in that // Category with first recall rights have either been returned or refused recall to that station. If an Employee refuses recall // they // will forfeit all of their // recall rights.
- 7. If a new bid location or station is opened, the Company will notify the Airline Representative(s) in writing prior to the posting of the bid.
- O. Furloughed Employees Bidding Parameters An Employee on "furlough" for the purpose of Article 9, is // an Employee who has been displaced from // their station or // Category but continues to be employed in another station or different // Category covered by this Agreement.

1. A furloughed Employee may preference bid to other bid locations at <u>// their</u> station without losing <u>// their</u> recall rights to <u>// their</u> original station.

- 2. An Employee who has exercised // their Category Seniority rights to bid to any other station after the initial move caused by the furlough, will forfeit all recall rights to the original station from which they were // furloughed.
- 3. An Employee who has been furloughed and exercises // their Category Seniority to another station at the time of furlough will have first recall rights back to the station from which // they were furloughed for a period of two (2) years in any // Category in which // they hold seniority.
- 4. An Employee who has exercised <u>// their Category Seniority</u> to stay within <u>// their station</u> at the time of furlough will not have first recall rights to the position from which <u>// they were</u> furloughed.
- P. An Employee who has passed probation and transfers to another bargaining unit // will retain and continue to accrue seniority under this Agreement during // their probationary period in the new position, provided // they continue to pay dues to the Union //. If the Employee does not complete said probationary period for any reason, the Employee // will be returned to // their previous classification under this // Agreement if a vacancy exists // for which // they are qualified, without loss of seniority. If no vacancy exists, the Employee will be placed on layoff status and must place a preference bid on file. In order to claim this right of return, the Employee must deliver a written notification of intent to return to the supervisor of their // former bid location within fourteen (14) calendar days of either notice to the Employee of failure to pass probation or the Employee's notice to the Company of their // intent to resign from the new position. Successful completion of their // probationary period // will be cause to remove the Employee from the seniority list covered by this Agreement.

BEFORE THE NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

In re Alaska Airlines/Hawaiian Airlines			NMB Case No. R-7669
Interested Parties:	Alaska Airlines AMFA)	NMB File No. CR-7265
	IAM)	

DECLARATION OF JEFF HEARD IN SUPPORT OF THE AIRCRAFT MECHANICS FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION'S RESPONSE TO IAM CHALLENGES TO ELIGIBILITY OF LAX BASED LINE AIRCRAFT TECHNICIANS

- 1. I, Jeff Heard, am the Local 32 Airline Representative (ALR) of the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association (AMFA), serving AMFA-represented employees at Alaska Airlines (Alaska). I have knowledge of the facts stated herein and, if called upon, I could and would testify competently thereto under oath. As the Local 32 ALR for Alaska employees, my responsibilities include monitoring the employment status of our members and processing grievances for members who have been terminated.
- 2. The IAM's submission, dated September 16, 2025, raises questions about the eligibility of two LAX-based Line Aircraft Technicians Rodolfo Garcia and Martha Largo both of whom were terminated by the Carrier on July 21, 2025.
- 3. Attached as **Exhibit A** is a true and accurate copy of a grievance filed by Local 32 on behalf of Rodolfo Garcia.
- 4. Attached as **Exhibit B** is a true and accurate copy of a grievance filed by Local 32 on behalf of Martha Largo.
- 5. The grievances for Mr. Garcia and Ms. Largo are currently pending and Local 32 is planning to schedule both grievances for an arbitration before a System Board of Adjustment;

consequently, pursuant to section 9.203 of the NMB Representation Manual, both of these Line

Aircraft Technicians should be deemed eligible to vote in the union election for the craft or class

of Mechanics and Related Employees at Alaska Airlines.

6. Berihun Tsegaye Worku currently works at Alaska Airlines as an Aviation

Maintenance Technician (AMT) and was originally hired by Virgin America into that position on

November 13, 2017. Pursuant to Article 9.F of the collective bargaining agreement, a true and

accurate copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**, an employee may assume a temporary

management position, and continue to retain and accrue seniority, for a period not to exceed ninety

(90) work days. Mr. Worku worked as a temporary supervisor from May 7, 2025, until September

30, 2025. The total number of days he worked as a temporary supervisor was fewer than ninety

(90) days and, therefore, he retained and accrued seniority as an AMT throughout this entire period.

During his brief tenure as a temporary supervisor, he did not have the authority to hire or fire,

administer discipline, or commit carrier funds. As of October 1, 2025, Mr. Worku has returned to

his AMT position. It is AMFA's position that Mr. Worku should be entitled to vote in the

upcoming union election.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and

correct.

Executed in Anchorage, Alaska on October 14, 2025.

By: /s/ Jeff Heard

Jeff Heard