

NOTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

1. Name (Last, First, Middle) ELEZ, MARKO					2. Social Security Number [REDACTED]		3. Date of Birth [REDACTED]		4. Effective Date 02/12/2025						
FIRST ACTION					SECOND ACTION										
5-A. Code 190		5-B. Nature of Action PROVISIONAL APPT NTE 06/11/25			6-A. Code		6-B. Nature of Action								
5-C. Code Y7M		5-D. Legal Authority SCH C 213.33XX			6-C. Code		6-D. Legal Authority								
5-E. Code		5-F. Legal Authority			6-E. Code		6-F. Legal Authority								
7. FROM: Position Title and Number					15. TO: Position Title and Number POLICY ADVISOR 66899208 C25025										
8. Pay Plan		9. Occ. Code	10. Grade or Level	11. Step or Rate	12. Total Salary		13. Pay Basis		16. Pay Plan GS	17. Occ. Code 0301	18. Grade or Level 11	19. Step or Rate 01	20. Total Salary/Award 84,601.00		21. Pay Basis PA
12A. Basic Pay		12B. Locality Adj. .00		12C. Adj. Basic Pay		12D. Other Pay .00		20A. Basic Pay 63,163.00		20B. Locality Adj. 21,438.00		20C. Adj. Basic Pay 84,601.00		20D. Other Pay .00	
14. Name and Location of Position's Organization					22. Name and Location of Position's Organization OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY DL SO0000000000000000 PP 04 2025										
EMPLOYEE DATA															
23. Veterans Preference 1 1 - None 2 - 5-Point 3 - 10-Point/Disability 4 - 10-Point/Compensable 5 - 10-Point/Other 6 - 10-Point/Compensable/30%					24. Tenure 0 0 - None 1 - Permanent 2 - Conditional 3 - Indefinite			25. Agency Use		26. Veterans Preference for RIF YES X NO					
27. FEGLI [REDACTED]					28. Annuitant Indicator 9 NOT APPLICABLE			29. Pay Rate Determinant 0 NOT APPLICABLE							
30. Retirement Plan KF FERS (FRAE)			31. Service Comp. Date (Leave) 02/12/2025		32. Work Schedule F FULL TIME			33. Part-Time Hours Per Biweekly Pay Period							
POSITION DATA															
34. Position Occupied 2 1 - Competitive Service 2 - Excepted Service 3 - SES General 4 - SES Career Reserved				35. FLSA Category E E - Exempt N - Nonexempt		36. Appropriation Code				37. Bargaining Unit Status 8888					
38. Duty Station Code 11-0010-001				39. Duty Station (City - County - State or Overseas Location) WASHINGTON DIST OF COLUMBIA DC											
40. Agency Data		41.		42.		43.		44.							
45. Remarks REGULAR TOUR OF DUTY ESTABLISHED; ELIGIBLE FOR ANNUAL AND SICK LEAVE ACCRUAL. SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SECRETARY. THIS POSITION IS OUTSIDE THE BARGAINING UNIT. APPT IS ON A PROVISIONAL BASIS. YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR RETIREMENT COVERAGE & FOR FEHB AND FEGLI. IF YOUR PERFORMANCE IS SATISFACTORY, & YOU MEET ALL LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS & OTHER APPLICABLE REQMTS, YOU MAY BE CONVERTED TO A NONTEMP APPT BEFORE THIS APPT EXPIRES. APPOINTMENT AFFIDAVIT EXECUTED 2/12/2025 PREVIOUS RETIREMENT COVERAGE: NEVER COVERED EMPLOYEE IS AUTOMATICALLY COVERED UNDER FERS, FERS-RAE OR FERS-FRAE.															
46. Employing Department or Agency DEPARTMENT OF LABOR								50. Signature/Authentication and Title of Approving Official ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY:							
47. Agency Code DLAA		48. Personnel Office ID 1193		49. Approval Date 02/11/2025		TANIA BURKLEY PERSONNEL OFFICER									

Experience

- X**, Senior Software Engineer (search AI) Feb 2024 - Feb 2025 (on leave)
- Helped design and implement an AI generated trends pipeline, released to millions of users. Rewrote build/deploy infrastructure, reworked dependency management, setup end-to-end eval suite, enabled 10x improvement in iteration speed decoupled from legacy Twitter stack.
 - Wrote article summarization system processing all external links posted to the X platform, using Grok to interpret and summarize unstructured web content.
 - Wrote feature enabling LLM-based contextual post analysis with dynamic multi-source (web, X post/trends embedding search, etc.) information retrieval.
 - Plugged into the recommendation systems team, reworked reply-ranker training data generation pipeline and shipped new ranker model to production in a couple of days.
 - Added support for training Twitter ML models on xAI training stack to speed up iteration.
 - Setup new monorepo for AI applications, wrote build/deploy tooling, shared libraries, CI/CD pipelines, metrics/alerting integrations, etc. to replace legacy Twitter tooling and enable extremely fast iteration (Python, Rust, docker, kubernetes, argoCD).
- xAI**, Software Engineer (contractor, applied team) Feb 2024 - Apr 2024, Aug 2024 - Oct 2024
- Co-wrote new Grok inference backend, improving response latency, integration with X data sources, iteration speed.
 - Setup E2E continuous evaluation pipeline for Grok backend, setup daily X user interaction data exports, setup human and LLM-based labeling pipeline.
 - Integrated embedding-based search for X AI generated trends into Grok search backend (Rust).
- SpaceX**, Software Engineer II (Starlink satellite software) Sep 2022 - Dec 2023
- Took ownership of the (satellite, gateway, wifi-router, user-terminal) software update pipeline, participating in weekly pre-release data reviews and owning all feature development and issue triage in this space.
 - Wrote system designed to allow users to rollout arbitrary feature flags (include new software versions) to subsets of the Starlink hardware fleet in a scalable and performant way (C++).
 - Implemented software update artifact edge-caching at point-of-presence data-centers around the world. (nginx, istio).
 - Implemented software update hardware-in-the-loop tests for new satellite hardware configurations (V2 mini/full, direct-to-cell) (Python).
 - Led integration of new JSpOC orbital trajectory data source into satellite collision avoidance pipeline, added support for multi-region parallel processing and upload (Python, C++, kubernetes).
- SpaceX**, Software Engineer II (Starship software) Aug 2021 - Sep 2022
- Led implementation of lot/serial-traced MES systems for starship heat tile factory, raptor tube production lines, starship AVI box production lines, and others. Integrated with automation (MQTT), resulted in significant increase in planning/execution efficiency and quality control. Designed event-based inventory system and reporting solution. (C#, Angular).
 - Led implementation of CI/CD infrastructure for event-based platform consisting of dockerized microservices deployed to kubernetes clusters (using helm charts) with synchronous (gRPC) and asynchronous (kafka) communication.
 - Wrote realtime location tracking and visualization software for assets tagged with WiFi trackers at Starbase launch facility.
- SpaceX**, Software Engineer I (vehicle software) Oct 2020 - Aug 2021
- Responsible engineer for SpaceX's distributed telemetry datastore which processes 30+ TB of rocket/satellite/testbed data per day and stores it across a pool of dedicated servers for analysis (C++, Python, Go).
 - Significantly improved ingestion rates, setup onsite cold-storage array, reduced and automated alerts, sped up deployments, scaled out hot storage pool, setup dedicated influxdb instance for metrics and alerting, led migration to CentOS hardware.
 - Provided regular support during crewed and uncrewed missions (F9/Starship launches, satellite deployments).
- Amazon**, Software Engineering Intern May 2020 - Aug 2020
- Wrote a self-service API designed to allow operations controllers around the United States to modify region-specific algorithm configurations in order to evaluate and optimize delivery routing protocols (Java, AWS).
 - Designed a highly available versioning system for regional S3 configurations coupled with a request audit history system using DynamoDB.

Education

Rutgers University

- Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Computer Science
- Graduated a year early. Started working full-time at SpaceX during my second year and finished my degree concurrently.