

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING

In the Matter of the
Naturalization and Granting of
United States Citizenship to:

Casper, Wyoming
July 30, 2020
3:08 p.m.

FRANCISC SALAMON, KARLA
ALEJANDRA AGUIRRE-LOPEZ, ALLISON
MARIE FLEURY, LILIANA
KINDZERSKI, LILIANA ANGELICA
DELGADO-PEREZ,

Ewing T. Kerr
Federal Courthouse

Petitioners.

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING ON PETITIONS FOR
UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

BEFORE THE HONORABLE SCOTT W. SKAVDAHL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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1 (Proceedings commenced at 3:08 p.m., July 30, 2020.)

2 THE COURT: Thank you. Please be seated. Good
3 afternoon, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to the Ewing T.
4 Kerr Federal Courthouse. The Court will suspend all rules on
5 camera and recording devices. Regrettably, due to the
6 COVID-19 pandemic, we have limited the attendance of this
7 proceeding. However, I do want to advise everyone that we are
8 livestreaming this ceremony via YouTube, and the link to that
9 YouTube stream can be found at this Court's website. That's
10 www.wyd.uscourts.gov. You can then click on that link and
11 watch the proceedings live. There will also be a recording of
12 this that will be available, as well.

13 It is the tradition at the beginning of these
14 naturalization ceremonies to recognize those citizens and
15 families of those citizens who have paid the ultimate price in
16 defending what so many in this world seek, the freedom and
17 benefits of becoming a United States citizen.

18 As of this morning, 7,052 American men and women have
19 been killed in action while involved in military operations in
20 the Middle East. In addition, 53,243 United States military
21 personnel have been wounded in action during these military
22 operations. Let us take a moment of silence and recognize
23 these American heroes and their families whose sacrifices
24 cannot be measured and whose loss will never be recovered.

25 Thank you.

1 The United States District Court for the District of
2 Wyoming is in special session for the naturalization of
3 foreign nationals to be United States citizens. It is with
4 great honor, pride, and privilege that I am able to conduct
5 today's ceremony naturalizing five new United States citizens
6 who originate from three different countries around the world.
7 Romania, Mexico, and Canada are here today, I understand. The
8 Federal District Court of Wyoming, including Judge Johnson and
9 Judge Freudenthal, extend their congratulations to you and
10 your families and friends.

11 I would ask that the Deputy Clerk of Court take a
12 roll call of the prospective applicants of U.S. citizenship,
13 and if you could please stand when your name is called.

14 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: Francisc Salamon, Karla
15 Alejandra Aguirre-Lopez, Allison Marie Fleury, Liliana
16 Kindzerski, Liliana Angelica Delgado-Perez.

17 THE COURT: At this time -- go ahead and have a seat.
18 One of the most -- oh. Ms. Sprecher. I didn't see you at
19 first. One of the most fundamental acts that we do as a
20 United States citizen is pledge our allegiance to the flag of
21 the United States. Recent events have caused this pledge to
22 take on renewed spirit and meaning. At this time, I would ask
23 that we pledge our allegiance to the United States flag. If
24 you would join me now.

25 (Reciting the Pledge of the Allegiance.)

1 THE COURT: At this time, I'd ask the Clerk of Court
2 to play the national anthem, and if you could remain standing.

3 (Playing "The Star-Spangled Banner.")

4 THE COURT: Thank you. Please be seated. At this
5 time, I would ask that the Clerk of Court play the message
6 from the President of the United States of America.

7 (Playing message from the President.)

8 THE COURT: Thank you. At this time, I would
9 recognize Ms. Stephanie Sprecher on behalf of the Attorney
10 General of the United States for presentation of the petition.
11 Ms. Sprecher.

12 MS. SPRECHER: Thank you, Your Honor. May it please
13 the Court.

14 THE COURT: Counsel.

15 MS. SPRECHER: My name is Stephanie Sprecher, and I
16 am here representing the United States Attorney's Office for
17 the District of Wyoming, and I am here in proxy for the United
18 States Attorney General. It is my privilege, Your Honor, to
19 recognize the individuals who appear in person today for
20 hearing on their respective petitions for naturalization as
21 United States citizens.

22 Each of these individuals has been interviewed and
23 examined under oath by a designated examiner of the United
24 States Citizenship and Immigration Services who has, in turn,
25 completed the character and background investigation.

1 Citizenship and Immigration Services indicates that each of
2 these individuals has met all requirements for naturalization
3 and is well qualified as a desirable candidate for United
4 States citizenship.

5 As a fellow citizen of the United States, I want to
6 welcome and congratulate each one of these petitioners on a
7 very special occasion. And so on the recommendation of the
8 immigration officer, it is my distinct honor to move that
9 these petitioners be granted United States citizenship upon
10 taking the oath.

11 THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. Sprecher. On the petition
12 of the United States, the Court would find that each of these
13 applicants identified has satisfied the legal requirements to
14 become citizens of the United States and therefore grants the
15 petition and will enter an order allowing these petitioners to
16 become citizens of the United States of America upon the
17 taking of their oath.

18 And if you would please rise and raise your right
19 hand and repeat after me: I -- state your name -- hereby
20 declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and
21 abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince,
22 potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which I have
23 heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and
24 defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of
25 America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will

1 bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear
2 arms on behalf of the United States when required by law; I
3 take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or
4 purpose of of evasion; so help me God.

5 Congratulations.

6 (Applause.)

7 THE COURT: At this time, we will present the new
8 U.S. citizens their certificates.

9 (Distribution of certificates.)

10 THE COURT: Go ahead and have a seat. One of the
11 things that we do at this ceremony is allow you to introduce
12 yourself and say thanks to anyone you would like to or
13 recognize any of the people that have been involved in you
14 getting to where you are today. And so what I'm going to have
15 the Clerk of Court do is hold the microphone so that we can
16 maintain some -- avoid some potential coronavirus issues. And
17 if there's anyone you would like to thank or anything you'd
18 like to say today, I would recognize you to do that, and it
19 will be preserved so that you can show those people that
20 unfortunately could not be here today that have been there
21 before. Kim.

22 NEW CITIZEN: I want to thank my family. They teach
23 me to do the right thing, to become a citizen of this great
24 country. I want to thank the community and all my friends.
25 They helped me and make me believe I can accomplish my dreams

1 to be a U.S. citizen. I thank you from my heart.

2 THE COURT: Congratulations. Thank you.

3 NEW CITIZEN: I would like to thank my mom and my
4 family that helped me become a U.S. citizen.

5 THE COURT: And where do you live here in Wyoming?

6 NEW CITIZEN: Jackson, Wyoming.

7 THE COURT: Jackson. All right. Congratulations.

8 NEW CITIZEN: Hi. I want to thank my family in
9 Canada for supporting this as well as my husband and daughter
10 here in Wyoming.

11 THE COURT: And Ms. Fleury, where do you come from?

12 NEW CITIZEN: Jackson, Wyoming.

13 THE COURT: Jackson. All right. Congratulations.

14 NEW CITIZEN: I'm also from Jackson, and I have to
15 thank a lot of people, but my family, my two girls, my
16 husband. And I work for an assisted living, so all those old
17 folks are so proud right now. And I hope they're watching
18 this video because they were very excited about it. So thank
19 you.

20 THE COURT: Thank you, and congratulations.

21 NEW CITIZEN: I came from Jackson, too. Sorry. I'm
22 emotional.

23 THE COURT: That's okay.

24 NEW CITIZEN: I want to thank my family. And my
25 grandpa passed away, so this is really something big for me.

1 Sorry. And I want to say thank you to this country to give me
2 the opportunity to be a United States citizen. Thank you so
3 much.

4 THE COURT: Thank you. Congratulations. Your
5 grandpa would be proud.

6 Dusty, do we have any comments or anything? John
7 Kindzerski. He says, "Congratulations to all." And
8 G-A-B-O-J-H says, "Congratulations."

9 Let me just say congratulations to you, your
10 families, and friends. I'm sorry they couldn't be in this
11 courtroom to join you on this monumental occasion. I've
12 contemplated continuing these proceedings until everybody
13 could be present and we didn't have the risks that we have,
14 but you have waited long enough to obtain citizenship, and
15 it's important to you and your families, and so I didn't want
16 to delay it any.

17 But that being said, it is gratifying. And
18 Ms. Delgado, the tears and the emotion that you show is
19 something that's gratifying to me because -- and us as
20 citizens to know that what you have and what we've been gifted
21 is valued. It's not just something that we should take for
22 granted. And especially in these times, it is extremely
23 important that we realize and appreciate it and we appreciate
24 each other as fellow citizens. And that's what we are: We
25 are fellow citizens. We're not all the same. That's what

1 makes this country the greatest country on earth is that we're
2 all different. We come from different places, different
3 backgrounds. But we put aside those when it comes to a
4 commonality of U.S. citizen.

5 And I hope that you are able to enjoy your
6 citizenship and return to your families and thank them for the
7 support that they have given you to get here today. And I
8 wish you the best of luck and look forward to the
9 opportunities that now await you as U.S. citizens.
10 Congratulations. We'll stand in recess.

11 (Proceedings concluded at 3:24 p.m., July 30, 2020.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, MEGAN STRAWN, Court Reporter in the state of Wyoming, a Registered Professional Reporter, do hereby certify that I reported by machine shorthand the proceedings contained herein on the aforementioned subject on the date herein set forth, and that the foregoing 9 pages constitute a full, true and correct transcript.

Dated this 31st day of July 2020.

/s/ Megan Strawn

MEGAN STRAWN
Registered Professional Reporter