WF-09 Workflow Approval

Purpose

The purpose of this Business Process Procedure is to explain how to approve a Work Item in the Integrated HR-Payroll System.

For the procedure on how to reject an item, use this document instead: Workflow Rejection Process

Trigger

A PCR (Personnel Change Request) workflow item has arrived in your SAP Inbox for review.

Business Process Procedure Overview

All PCRs initiated/requested via workflow will go through an approval process. Depending on the action being processed (type of personnel action such as New Hire or Separation), different levels of approval are required. The levels of approval may include Division, Agency, OSHR or Funding.

Review the data within the PCR, add any comments as appropriate using the Services for Objects functionality (notes/attachments/URLs), and either approve or reject the PCR. If you approve the PCR, it will be sent to the next defined stage of the approval process.

Tips and Tricks

SAP Business Workplace Inbox Functionality

- The SAP Business Workplace inbox is where all workflow documents will be initiated/requested, and where all workflow documents will arrive for approvers to review and respond.
- For more information on the SAP Business Workplace, including an overview of all Tree Functions (folders, organization of the workplace), see the Business Workplace Overview Tree Functions Job Aid on the OSC Training Help website. (See Additional Resources section at the end of this document.)

Access Transaction

Via Transaction Code: SBWP

Click the **SAP Business Workplace** button. (see step 1).

Procedure

There are 9 steps to complete this process.

Step 1. Either click the **SAP Business Workplace** button or type **sbwp** in the command field and press enter.

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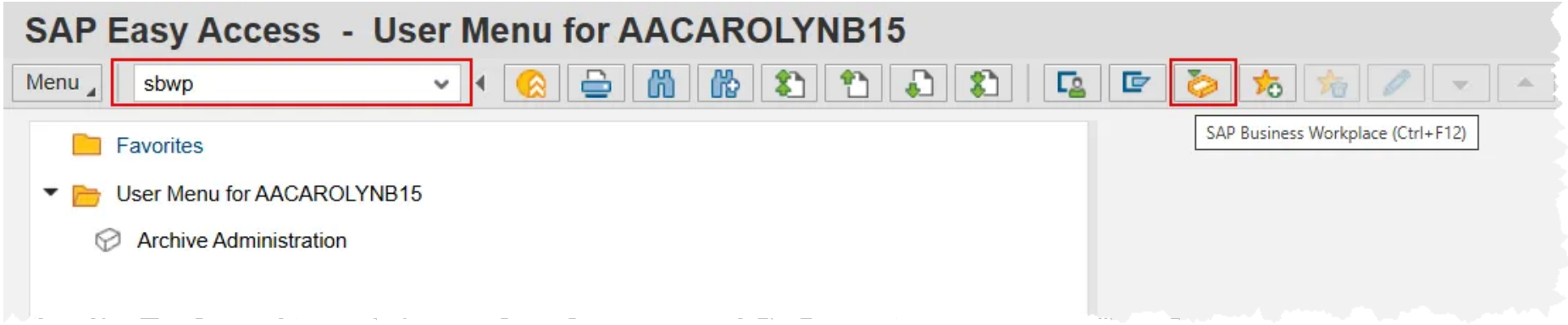

Step 2. Click on the **node (triangle)** next to Inbox then click on the word **Workflow #** in the resulting list. The number represents the amount of Work Items awaiting review.

Although clicking on the word Inbox will produce Work Items to review, the button bar will be missing the **Environment** button, which is where you will access the **Workflow Header**. Following the instruction above will give you a list of Work Items and the Environment button.

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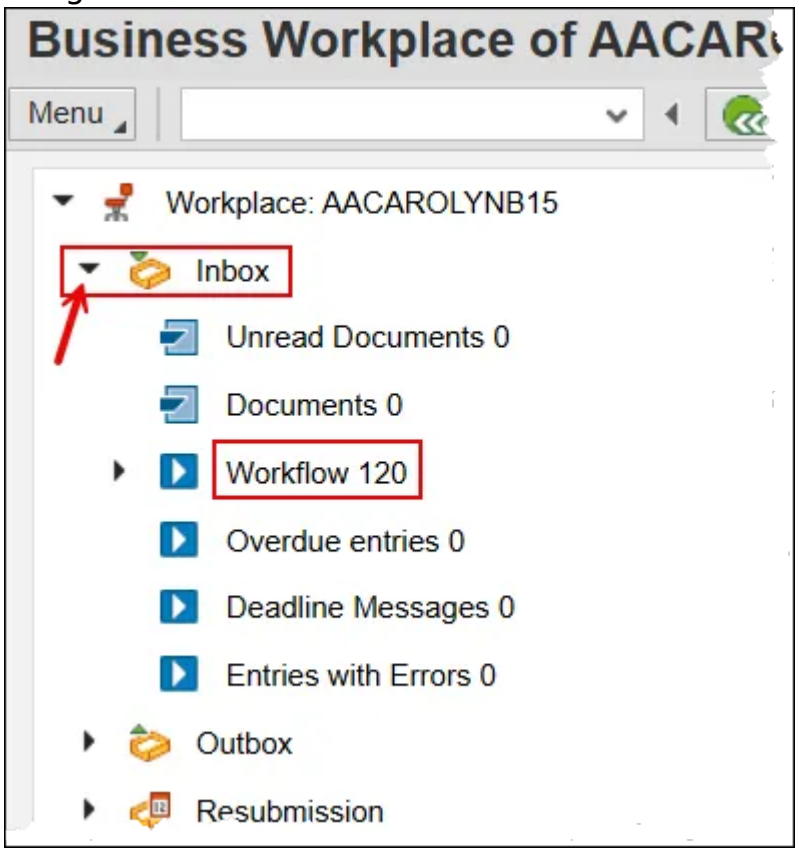

Step 3. Identify and double click the **PCR** which needs your attention. In the below example, we will be using PCR 100005711. You can also single click the **PCR** and then click the **Execute** button.

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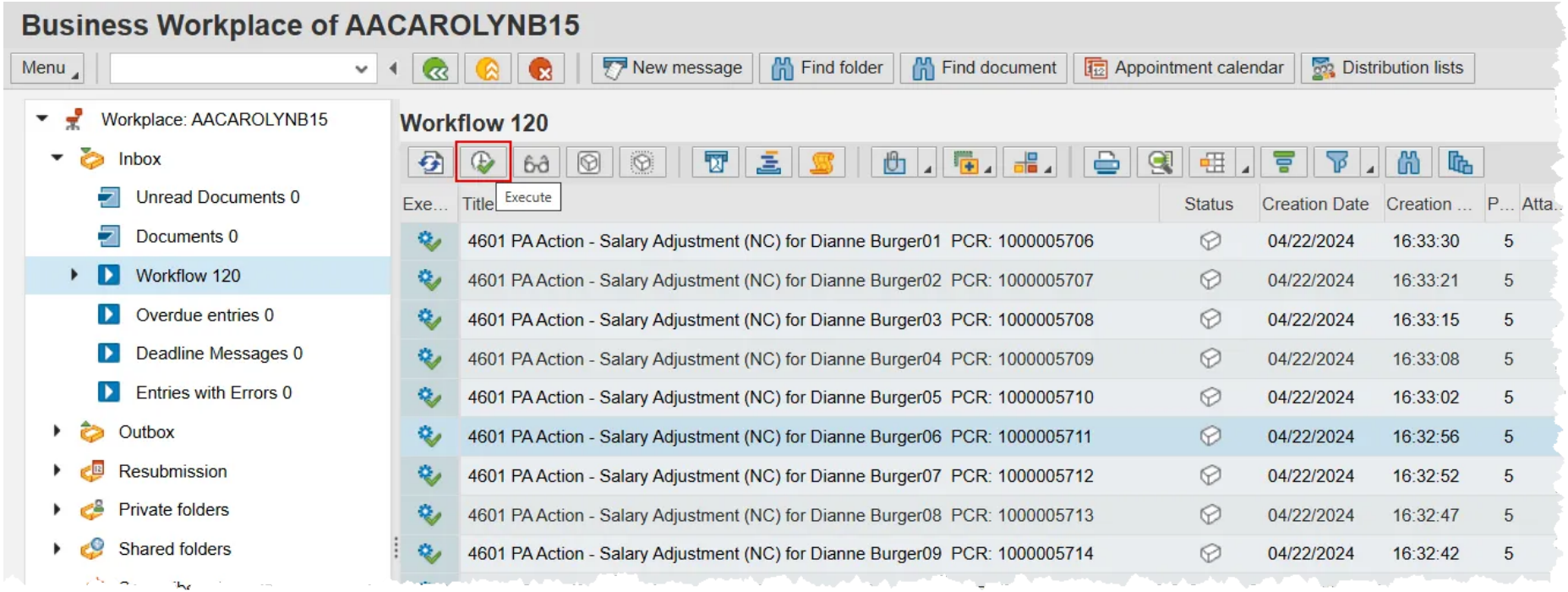

The list of PCRs has several columns. Some that are returned by default include **Title, Status, Creation Date,** & **Creation Time**. These columns can be reordered and resized. Columns can be removed from the display and other columns not currently being displayed can be added to the results. See WF-14 for further information on these processes.

Step 4. Click on the **Workflow Header**. It is always the second link from the bottom in the ‘Objects and attachments’ area and will include the PCR number.

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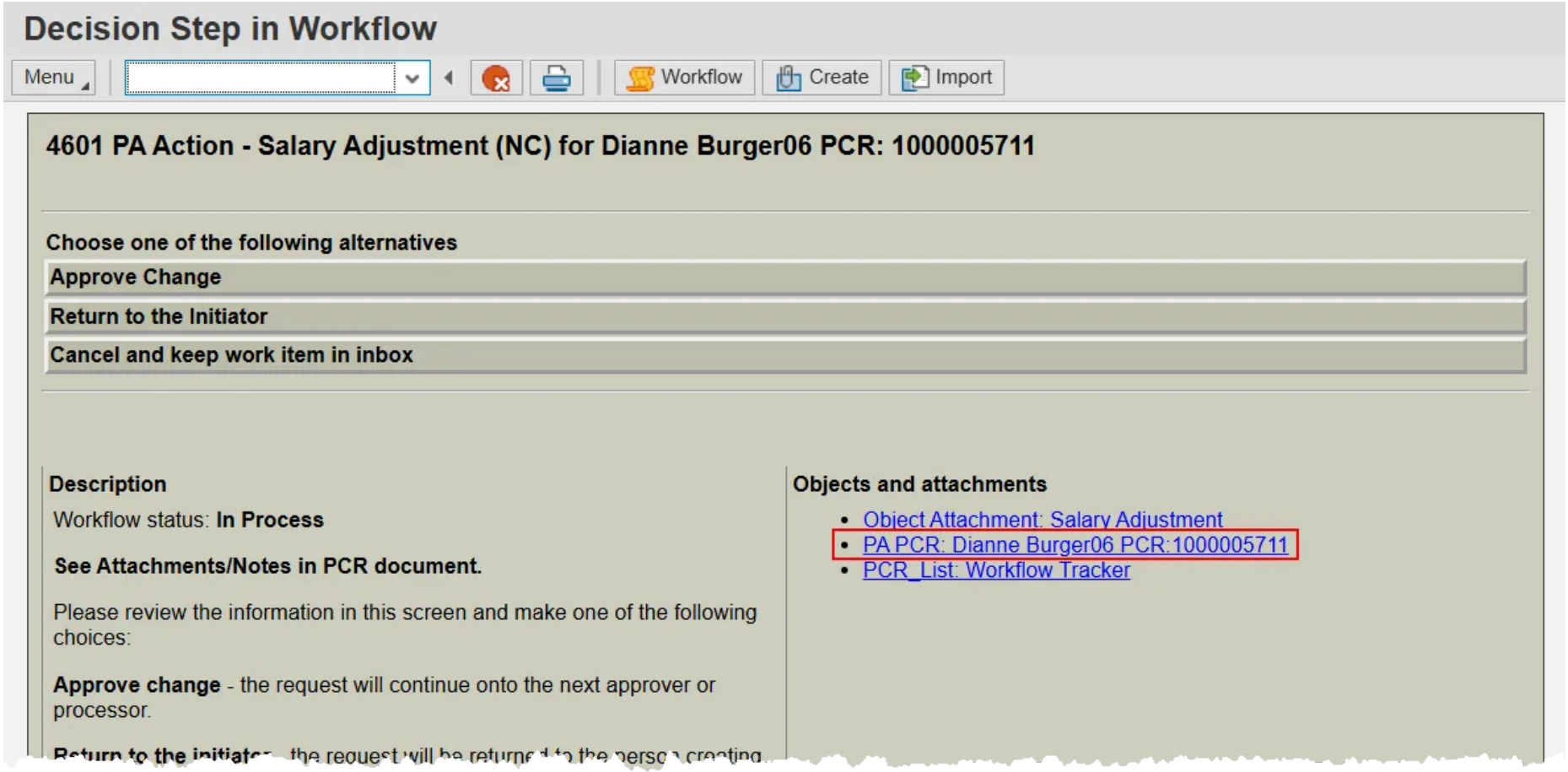

Step 5. Review the PCR details as appropriate.

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Employee Action Request

Menu

PCR Number	1000005711				
Personnel Number	80000555	Dianne Burger06	Action:	ZC	Salary Adjustment (NC)
Last 4 digits(SSN)			Reason:	01	Salary Adjustment
Effective on	04/01/2024	Chng 04/21/24	INOTPATEL800	St: N	In Process

CURRE...			PROPOS...		
Pers.Area	4601	Natural and Cultural Resources	Pers.Area	4601	Natural and Cultural Resources
Subarea	NC01	7day Norm	Subarea	NC01	7day Norm
EE Group	A	SPA Employees	EE Group	A	SPA Employees
EE Subgroup	A1	FT N-FLSAOT Perm	EE Subgrp	A1	FT N-FLSAOT Perm
Org. Unit	20010337	CR CDS A&H MOH Museum of	Org. Unit	20010337	CR CDS A&H MOH Museum of
Job	32000719	Regional History Museum A	Job	32000719	Regional History Museum A
EE Position	65001719	Administrator Museum Of The Cap...	EE Position	65001719	Administrator Museum Of The Cap...

Basic Pay

Pay Scale type	18	North Carolina		Pay Scale type	18	North Carolina	
Pay Scale Area	01	Annual Salaries		Pay Scale Area	01	Annual Salaries	
Pay Scale Group	NC15	Level	01	Pay Scale Group	NC15	Level	01
Annual Salary	51,616.00	Hrly Sal	0.00	Annual Salary	56,777.00	Hourly Salary	0.00
Calc Step - MIN				Calc Step - -MP	10.00		
				Min	51,616.00		
				Max	61,294.00	Next Inc Date	

Displaying PA PCR "Dianne Burger06 PCR:1000005711" ...

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Notes:

PA work items will all have the same look. The left hand side will display current employee data (and will be blank for New Hire actions). The right hand side will display the proposed new data, some of which may be the same as current.

OM work items are dependent on the action being proposed. Similar to PA actions, most OM actions will have current data in a column on the left and proposed new data on the right. The notable exception to this standard is a Create New Position action since there is no current data to display. Each OM action will display the various fields that may be changed as part of the action. Some of these fields may appear on different tabs. Each of the fields is clearly labeled and there will be no question as to what data is being shown.

The picture below is an example of a Reallocate Position action with the **General, Time,** and **Cost** tabs highlighted.

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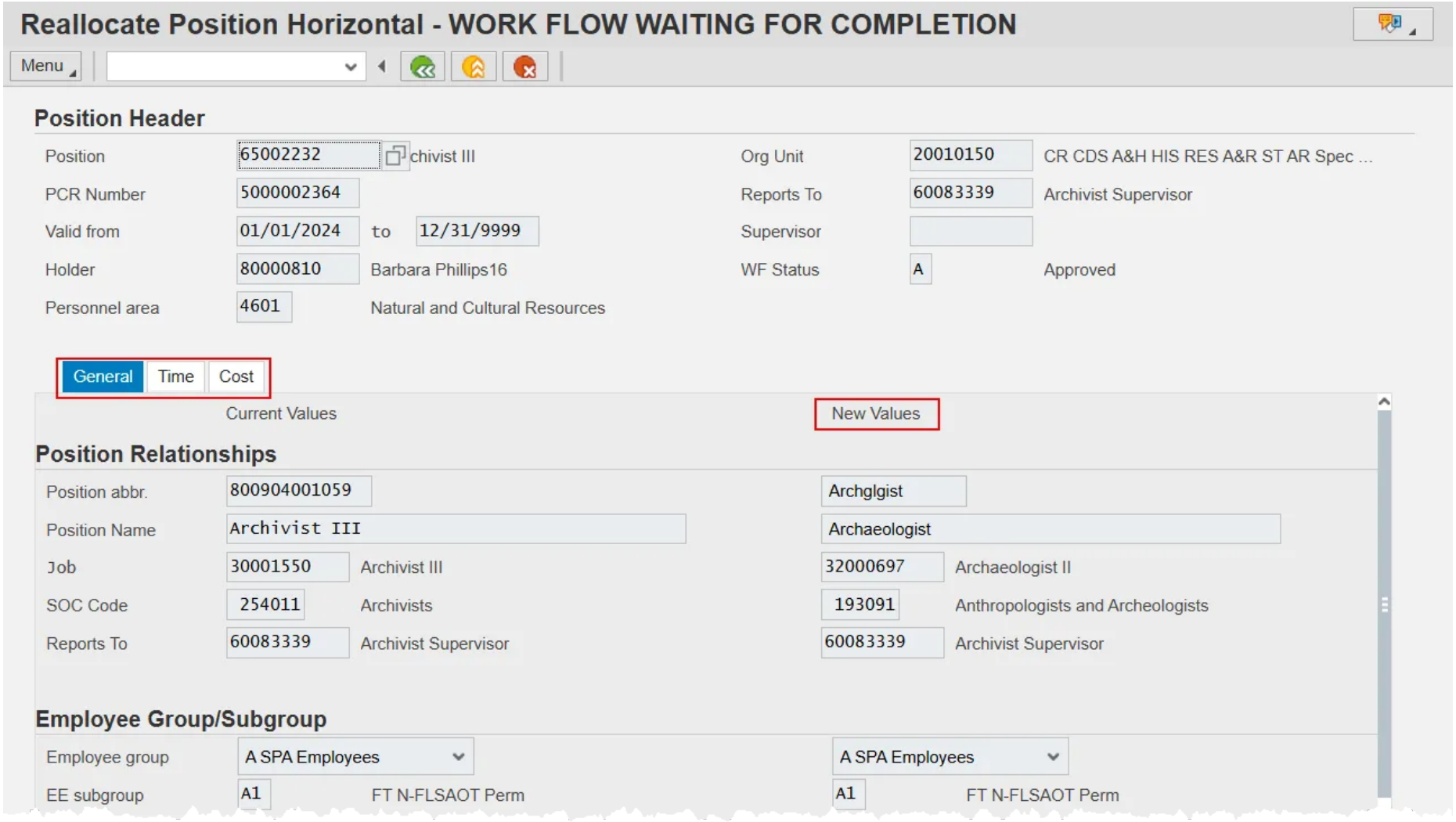

Step 6. Locate the note provided by the initiator by clicking on the **Services for Object** button and choosing **Attachment List** in the resulting dropdown menu. If Attachment List is grayed out, then a note has not been attached. Initiators are required to include, and complete a note template for every action submitted to Workflow. If the note has not been attached, then the PCR should be rejected (barring an exceptional situation).

The **Services for Object** button can be found on the top right of your SAP screen.

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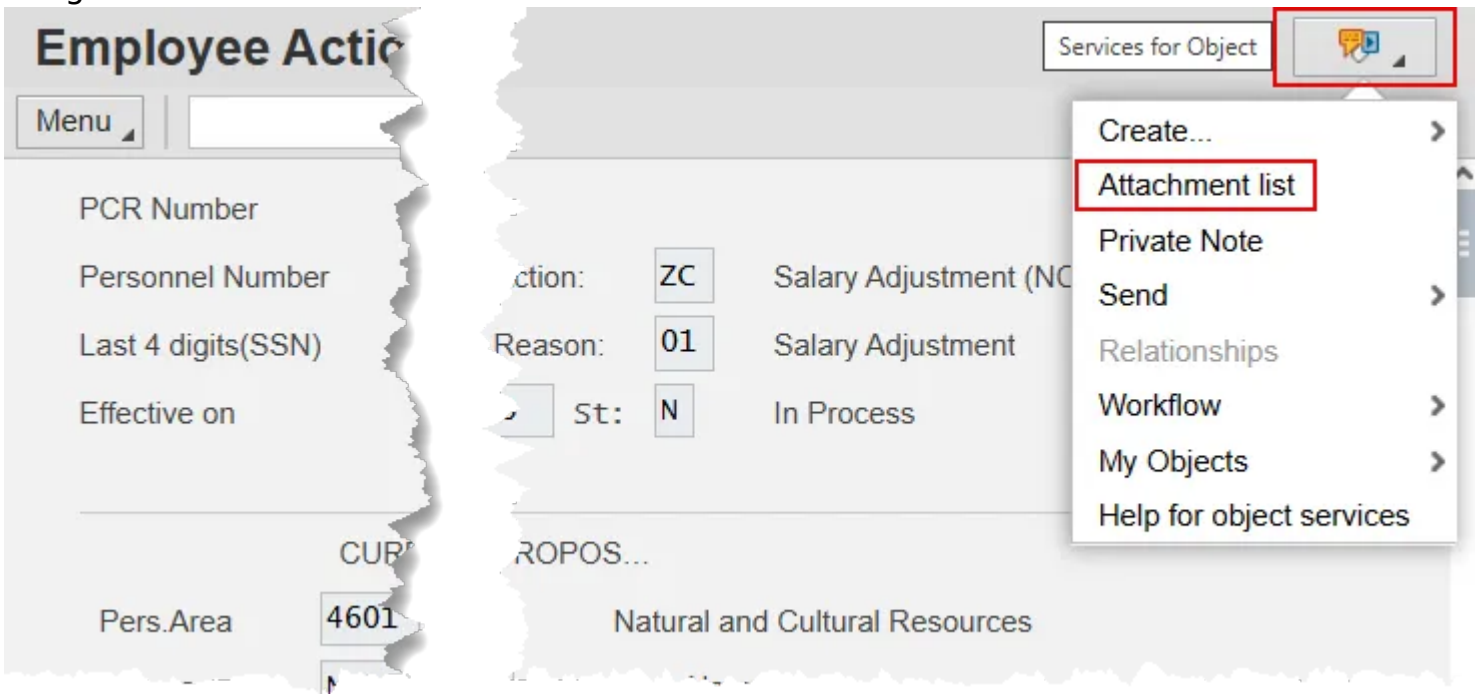

Step 7. Double click the note(s) you wish to read. Ensure that the initiator has used the OSHR designed template and that is is completed. The note may provide information that will help you to determine whether or not the action should be approved or rejected. (The image below is from the training database and only an empty template has been attached.)

Once you have reviewed an individual attachment, close it by clicking on the cancel button (red ‘X’). Once you have reviewed all the attachments you wish, close the Attachment list pop-up by clicking the cancel button (red ‘X’).

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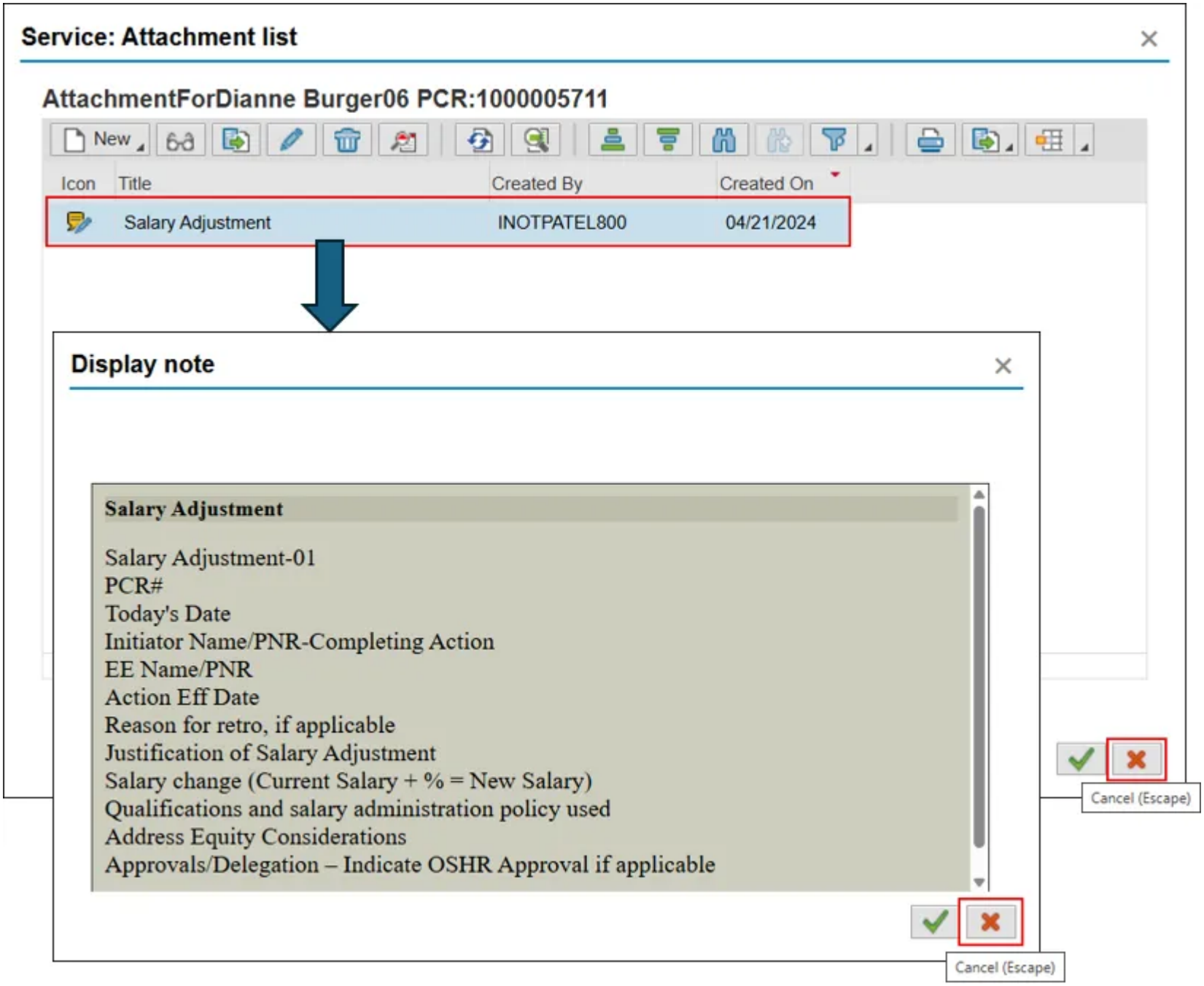
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04/21/2024
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Salary Adjustment
Salary Adjustment-01
PCR#
Today's Date
Initiator Name/PNR-Completing Action
EE Name/PNR
Action Eff Date
Reason for retro, if applicable
Justification of Salary Adjustment
Salary change (Current Salary + % = New Salary)
Qualifications and salary administration policy used
Address Equity Considerations
Approvals/Delegation – Indicate OSHR Approval if applicable
Cancel (Escape)
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Services for Objects are available on all Personnel Administration actions and allows you to link critical business documents to the PCR or an action. You may add notes, attachments, or hyperlinks on a PCR and/or an action.

- If a note, attachment or URL has been added, the **Attachment list** option will be live (it is grayed out in the list if there are no attachments). Click on **Attachment list** to view one or more items.
- As an approver, you have the option to create a note as well. When you click on the **Services for Object** button, choose the **Create note** option. Provide a title, write your note and then click the green check to save. If you will be rejecting the Work Item, this step will be mandatory and is detailed in this help doc: Workflow Rejection Process.
- A **Private note** will be viewable by you only, using your user ID. It will follow the PCR or action, but no one else will be able to view it.

Step 8. When you have completed your review of the Workflow Header and any attached notes and/or documents, return to the **Decision Step** screen by clicking the green **Back** button.

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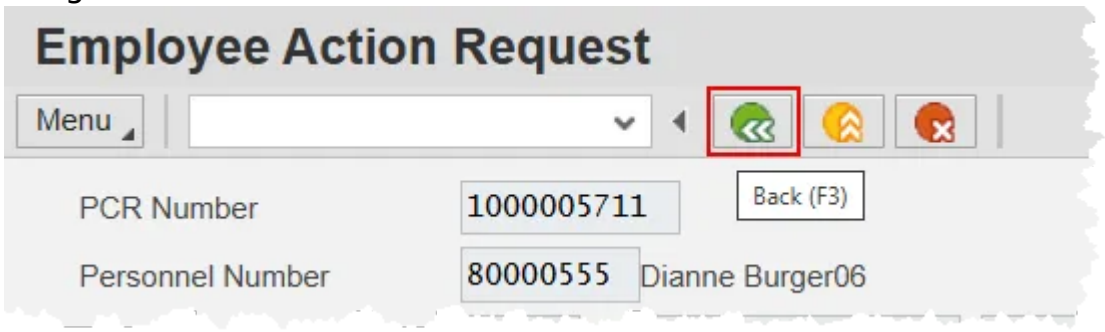

Step 9. Click the appropriate decision.

If you choose the **Approve change** option, the Work Item will go to the next level of approval or be returned back to the initiator for processing (depending on your specific role and the category of the Work Item). This choice will also complete the process for the chosen work item.

If you don’t wish to approve nor reject the PCR at this time, choose the **Cancel and keep work item in inbox** button. The PCR is not canceled. Instead, it is returned to your inbox in an **In Process** status. This status indicates that the PCR will appear only in your inbox. Once you have enough information to either approve or reject the item, you can double click it to be brought back to the Decision Step screen.

Finally, you may choose the **Return to the Initiator** option. This is the choice to make when there is incorrect data in the request or it otherwise needs to be rejected and there are a couple of extra steps to follow. See WF-16 for the full procedure.

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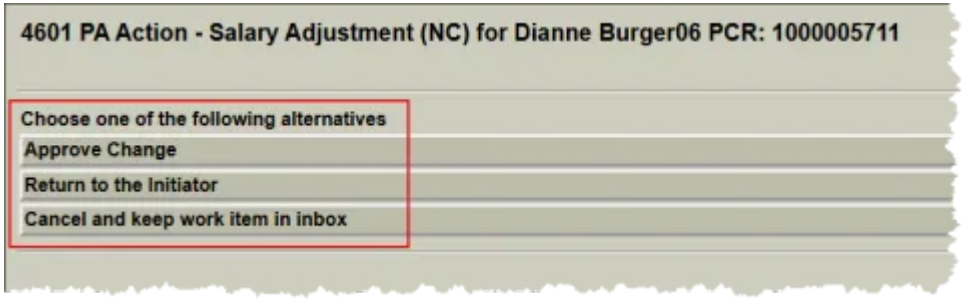

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