

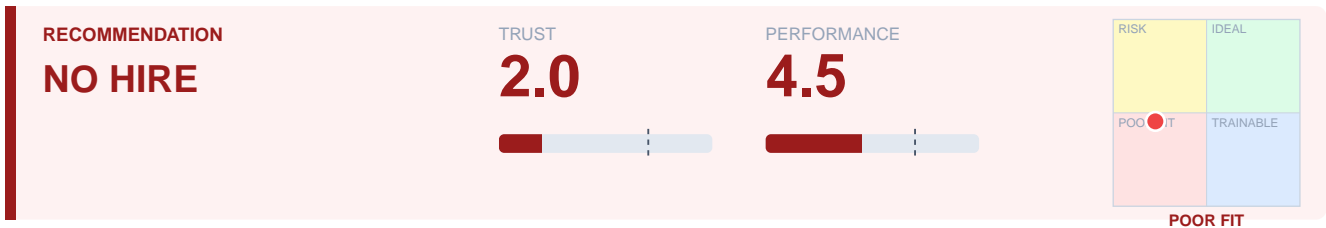
## DETAILED CANDIDATE INTERVIEW RECORD

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AI CONFIDENCE

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## AI RATIONALE

This candidate presents weak role fit, weak competence, and critically weak team fit. Role fit is severely compromised by pervasive blame-shifting, lack of accountability, and arrogance across all five interview responses—the candidate never acknowledges personal responsibility for any conflict or misalignment. Competence is moderate at best; while they claim to execute tasks, they attribute all failures to external factors and provide no evidence of collaborative problem-solving or adaptive decision-making. Most critically, team fit is extremely poor: the candidate explicitly rejects the informal, adaptive communication style the team requires ('I don't do the whole sensitive communication thing'), demonstrates no ability to ask clarifying questions (instead making unilateral assumptions), and shows dismissal of colleagues that will create immediate friction in a small, close-proximity team. The manager identified specific friction patterns (freezing during busy periods, inability to adapt communication, over-reliance on direction) and team signals (proactive clarifying questions, informal communication, resilience without reassurance). This candidate demonstrates the opposite of all three signals. They will not succeed in this environment.

## RED FLAGS

**! Pervasive blame-shifting and lack of accountability across all five interview questions; never acknowledges personal role in conflict or misalignment**

"The management was completely incompetent...The team was always dragging things down...my boss was threatened by how independently I operated. That's on them, not me...management doesn't plan properly...if the team was b..."

**! Arrogance and dismissal of colleagues; pattern of taking sole credit and minimizing team contributions**

"I basically ran those offices single-handedly while getting zero credit...I single-handedly restructured our entire workflow—my boss just took credit for it...my coworkers took advantage of my work...the team wasn't keep..."

**! Explicit rejection of adaptive communication and collaborative problem-solving; rigid, confrontational style incompatible with team's informal working environment**

"I'm a straight shooter, so I don't do the whole 'sensitive communication' thing. If people can't handle directness, that's on them. Results matter, and I deliver those."

**! Demonstrates external locus of control and lack of resilience; attributes all challenges to external failures rather than demonstrating adaptive coping**

"that happens all the time, and honestly it's usually because management doesn't plan properly...if the team was better organized, this wouldn't even be an issue...I can only do so much when you're surrounded by people wh..."

**! Fundamental misalignment with team's core working style; candidate's approach will create friction and bottlenecks in a small, collaborative team**

"I'd tell the other two to figure it out or wait...I don't do the whole 'sensitive communication' thing...I just did what I thought was best...I'm a straight shooter."

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OPENER

MEDIUM

## Tell us a bit about your background and what draws you to this Office Manager role.

Intent: Warm up candidate, establish comfort on camera, surface initial motivation

CANDIDATE RESPONSE

TEXT

Look, I've got solid experience managing office operations. My last three jobs? The management was completely incompetent—couldn't recognize talent if it hit them. I basically ran those offices single-handedly while getting zero credit. The team was always dragging things down, honestly. I'm drawn to this role because I know I can actually do it right, unlike the clowns I've

Response duration: 38s

AI ANALYSIS

### ! RED FLAG

*"My last three jobs? The management was completely incompetent—couldn't recognize talent if it hit them. I basically ran those offices single-handedly while getting zero credit. The team was always dra..."*

-> This opening statement reveals a pervasive pattern of blame-shifting and dismissal of colleagues. The candidate attributes all success to th...

### CONCERN [HIGH]

Consistent pattern of external attribution and blame-shifting rather than accountability

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BEHAVIORAL

MEDIUM

**Tell me about a time you had a task list or project to manage without someone checking in on you regularly. How did you decide what to do first, and what did you do if instructions were unclear?**

Intent: Surface independent task ownership and ability to ask clarifying questions rather than guess or wait. This is the core dealbreaker for the role.

#### CANDIDATE RESPONSE

TEXT

Look, I had this massive project at my last company, but honestly, management was completely disorganized. They gave me vague instructions and then blamed me when things didn't go their way. I prioritized based on what made sense to me, but apparently that wasn't what they wanted—nobody communicated properly.

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Response duration: 48s

#### AI ANALYSIS

##### ! RED FLAG

"When things got unclear, I just did what I thought was best. I mean, I'm competent enough to figure things out. The real issue was that my team couldn't keep up with my vision, and my boss was threate..."

-> This directly contradicts the goal of asking clarifying questions when instructions are unclear. Instead, the candidate makes unilateral dec...

##### CONCERN [HIGH]

Consistent pattern of external attribution and blame-shifting rather than accountability

##### CONCERN [HIGH]

Does not seek clarification when instructions are unclear; makes unilateral decisions and blames others for misalignment

#### SUGGESTED FOLLOW-UP PROBES

- If they do not mention asking for clarification, ask: *What did you do when you were unsure about what was expected?*
- If they do not describe prioritization logic, ask: *How did you decide which task to tackle first?*
- If answer is vague, probe: *Can you walk me through a specific example of a task you managed on your own?*

BEHAVIORAL

MEDIUM

## Describe a time when your workload suddenly increased or priorities shifted unexpectedly. How did you handle it, and what did you do to stay on top of things?

Intent: Assess stress resilience, ability to reprioritize independently, and maintain focus without external reassurance. This surfaces whether candidate freezes or adapts under pressure.

### CANDIDATE RESPONSE

TEXT

Look, that happens all the time, and honestly it's usually because management doesn't plan properly. Last quarter my boss suddenly needed a major report, but my team wasn't equipped to handle it—I basically had to do everything myself since nobody else stepped up. I crushed the deadline, though the credit got diluted because my coworkers took advantage of my

Response duration: 82s

### AI ANALYSIS

#### ! RED FLAG

"Look, that happens all the time, and honestly it's usually because management doesn't plan properly. Last quarter my boss suddenly needed a major report, but my team wasn't equipped to handle it—I bas..."

-> When faced with a scenario requiring resilience and adaptive problem-solving, the candidate blames external factors and positions themselves...

#### CONCERN [HIGH]

Dismissive attitude toward colleagues and team members; takes credit and attributes failures to others

### SUGGESTED FOLLOW-UP PROBES

- If they do not mention how they reprioritized, ask: How did you decide what to focus on first when everything felt urgent?
- If they do not describe concrete action, ask: What specifically did you do to manage the increased workload?
- If answer suggests they needed reassurance, probe: Did you need to check in with your manager before moving forward, or did you make decisions on your own?

BEHAVIORAL

MEDIUM

## Tell me about a time you needed to communicate something important to a team member or manager in an informal or fast-paced environment. How did you approach that conversation?

Intent: Surface ability to adapt communication style on the fly, communicate proactively without formal structures, and integrate into informal team dynamics. This is the team fit dealbreaker.

### CANDIDATE RESPONSE

TEXT

#### # Candidate Response

Look, I had to tell my last manager some hard truths about why projects were failing—mostly because the team wasn't keeping up with \*my\* vision. I just went straight to his office and laid it out. He didn't really get it, which is typical of that place...

Response duration: 85s

### AI ANALYSIS

#### ! RED FLAG

*"I'm a straight shooter, so I don't do the whole 'sensitive communication' thing. If people can't handle directness, that's on them. Results matter, and I deliver those."*

-> This is a critical failure for team fit. The team explicitly requires someone who adapts communication style on the fly and communicates pro...

#### CONCERN [HIGH]

Inability or unwillingness to adapt communication style to team context; explicitly rejects informal, sensitive communication

### SUGGESTED FOLLOW-UP PROBES

- If they do not mention adapting their approach, ask: Did you adjust how you communicated based on the person or the situation?
- If they do not describe proactive outreach, ask: Did you wait for a scheduled meeting, or did you reach out when you saw the need?
- If answer is vague, probe: What was the outcome of that conversation, and how did the team respond?

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SITUATIONAL

MEDIUM

**Imagine you are supporting a small, busy team and three different people ask you for help at roughly the same time, but you can only focus on one task first. Walk me through how you would decide what to do and who to talk to.**

*Intent: Assess prioritization logic, decision-making under competing demands, and ability to make operational calls without external structure. This surfaces whether candidate understands team needs or defaults to first-come-first-served.*

CANDIDATE RESPONSE

TEXT

Look, this is exactly the kind of situation my last manager completely mishandled. She had terrible prioritization skills, which honestly created most of our team's problems.

Personally, I'd obviously handle whoever's task directly impacts revenue first—that's just common sense. I'd tell the other two to figure it out or wait. I mean, I can't be everywhere at once, and frankly, if the team was better organized, this wouldn't even be an issue. At my previous company, I single-handedly restructured our entire workflow—my boss just took credit for it—so I know efficient systems....

Response duration: 63s

AI ANALYSIS

**! RED FLAG**

*"I'd obviously handle whoever's task directly impacts revenue first—that's just common sense. I'd tell the other two to figure it out or wait...People need to understand priorities exist. I'm not a mir..."*

-> This response demonstrates dismissal of team members and lack of collaborative communication about priorities. In a small team requiring pro...

**- CONCERN**

*"my coworkers took advantage of my work...my boss just took credit for it...so I know efficient systems."*

-> The candidate frames themselves as a victim of others' opportunism while simultaneously claiming credit for systemic improvements. This patt...

**CONCERN [HIGH]**

Dismissive attitude toward colleagues and team members; takes credit and attributes failures to others

**SUGGESTED FOLLOW-UP PROBES**

- If they do not mention asking clarifying questions, ask: How would you figure out which task was actually most urgent?
- If they do not describe communication with other team members, ask: What would you say to the people whose requests you could not handle immediately?
- If answer is vague, probe: What would you consider most important when deciding between these three requests?

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CLOSER

MEDIUM

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**Is there anything about yourself or your experience that you would like us to know that we have not covered?**

*Intent: Give candidate a voice, end on positive note, surface anything they feel was missed*

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CANDIDATE RESPONSE

(No response recorded)

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AI ANALYSIS

## EVALUATION SYNTHESIS

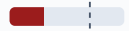
# Goal Performance Summary

## PERFORMANCE BY EVALUATION GOAL

## PERSONAL

**Manages own task list independently, prioritizing and executing work without waiting for explicit direction or frequent check-ins**

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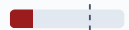


"Candidate claims independent task management but consistently attributes failures to external factors (management disorganization, team incompetence, poor leadership). In Q2, they state 'I prioritized...'"

## PERSONAL

**Asks clarifying questions when instructions are unclear and makes operational decisions independently rather than guessing or waiting for confirmation**

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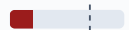


"In Q2, when instructions were unclear, candidate states 'I just did what I thought was best. I mean, I'm competent enough to figure things out.' This demonstrates assumption-making rather than clarify..."

## PERSONAL

**Maintains productivity and focus when workload increases or priorities shift unexpectedly, without needing reassurance or external structure**

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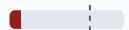


"In Q3, when workload increased, candidate states 'that happens all the time, and honestly it's usually because management doesn't plan properly' and 'I basically had to do everything myself since nobo...'"

## INTERPERSONAL

**Communicates proactively with team members in informal settings, adapting communication style on the fly and flagging needs without waiting for formal check-ins**

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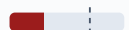


"In Q4, candidate explicitly states 'I'm a straight shooter, so I don't do the whole sensitive communication thing. If people can't handle directness, that's on them.' This directly contradicts the req..."

## PERSONAL

**Prioritizes multiple simultaneous tasks without external structure, making operational decisions about what to do first based on team needs and deadlines**

3.0 /10



"In Q5, candidate demonstrates some prioritization logic ('whoever's task directly impacts revenue first—that's just common sense') but immediately undermines it by dismissing team members ('I'd tell t...'"

## KEY STRENGTHS

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- **Demonstrates some operational execution capability and willingness to take on substantial workload**

*"Last quarter my boss suddenly needed a major report...I crushed the deadline. At my previous company, I single-handedly restructured our entire workflow."*

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### CULTURAL FIT · COMMUNICATION

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This candidate's working style is fundamentally misaligned with Harborview's fast-paced, informal, collaborative team environment. The candidate demonstrates a pattern of blame-shifting, dismissal of colleagues, and resistance to informal communication—directly contradicting the team's core operating norms. Their self-centered approach and inability to acknowledge team contributions will create friction in a small, close-proximity team that depends on mutual trust and adaptive communication.

The candidate's communication style is rigid, confrontational, and dismissive rather than adaptive. They explicitly reject 'sensitive communication' and pride themselves on being a 'straight shooter' without regard for context or relationship-building. In a team that requires proactive, informal communication and the ability to read unspoken priorities, this candidate will likely create misalignment and resentment rather than clarity.