

## MEMORANDUM

To: Social Security Advisory Board  
Subject: Patrick O'Carroll at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting  
Date: February 2, 2015

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**Patrick O'Carroll** has served as the third Inspector General for the Social Security Administration (SSA) since November 24, 2004. Prior to joining the Agency, he had 24 years of experience with the United States Secret Service. Pat has a B.S. from Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland, and a Masters in Forensic Science from the George Washington University, Washington, D.C

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### February Topics

- OIG's duties and work, including recent investigations and audits. He will provide his thoughts and recommendations on key issues he believes SSA should address. He will also discuss specific issues related to board projects and concerns.
- OIG's audit on the reconsideration level in the disability process that analyzes whether the prototype pilot should be expanded to remove the reconsideration step nationwide or stopped to reinstate the reconsideration step.
- Overview of the fraud investigations in the New York Region. These discussions will help prepare board members for the New York trip in March.
- Audits of State expenditures on the use of both IV-E benefits and SSI benefits on foster children, and the waiver process. The Board is currently writing a report on children receiving SSI, which includes a section on foster care youth receiving SSI.
- Reports of breaches in *MySSA* accounts, especially since the Board has recommended that people open *MySSA* accounts to guard against identity theft.