

**Social Security Advisory Board  
Minutes  
Board Meeting  
February 16, 2011**

**Location:** 400 Virginia Avenue, S.W., Suite 625  
Washington, D.C. 20024

**Time:** 8:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**SSAB Members:** Barbara Kennelly, Acting Chair  
Jagadeesh Gokhale  
Dorcas Hardy  
Marsha Katz (by telephone)  
Mark Warshawsky

**Presenters:** Michael Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security  
Robert Reischauer, Public Trustee of the Social Security and  
Medicare Trust Funds  
Charles Blauhaus, Public Trustee of the Social Security and  
Medicare Trust Funds  
Patrick O'Carroll, Inspector General, SSA  
James Kissko, Deputy Inspector General, SSA  
Mark Duggan, Ph.D., University of Maryland and Member  
2011 Technical Panel on Assumptions and Methods

**SSAB\_Staff:** Katherine Thornton, Staff Director  
Debi Sullivan, Deputy Staff Director  
Joel Feinleib  
Beverly Rollins  
George Schuette  
David Warner

**Other Guests:** Michael Leonisio, Staff to the Public Trustees, SSA  
Misha Kelly, Congressional Liaison, OIG  
Amanda Wolfe, ORDP Staff, SSA  
Chris Goble, SES Candidate, SSA  
Steve Erd, Northrup Grumman

The Board met in executive session in the morning and discussed potential meeting topics and guests for future Board meetings and projects, and papers that are currently in progress.

Robert Reischauer and Charles Blauhaus, Public Trustees met with the Board members in executive session. Issues discussed included the role of public trustees,

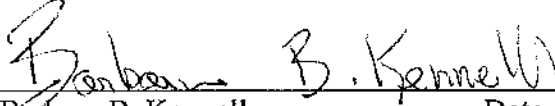
perspectives on the current assumptions used by the Trustees, suggestions to improve transparency and presentation of information.

A working lunch was held with the Commissioner of Social Security, Michael Astrue. The meeting focused on the effect of the continuing resolution and proposed reductions in 2011 funding may have on the agency's ability to deliver service. The Board members continued their ongoing dialogue with the Commissioner relative to the drafting of the refreshed Agency Strategic Plan.

In the afternoon, the members were briefed by the SSA's Inspector General, Patrick O'Carroll and Deputy Inspector General, James Kissko on the OIG's recent report on management challenges facing the Social Security Administration. The Inspector General also briefed the Board on the OIG's continuing oversight of the new National Computer Center.

As part of the Board's continuing interest in how to strengthen the disability program, Mark Duggan was invited to present the finding of a report that he co-authored with David Autor on a proposal for modernizing the disability insurance program. Many of the themes in this proposal expand on the ideas the Board published on this topic in 2006

I certify that the minutes written for the February 16, 2011 meeting of the Social Security Advisory Board are correct.

  
Barbara B. Kennelly \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Acting Chair  
Social Security Advisory Board