Social Security Advisory Board
Minutes
Board Meeting
July 15, 2013

Location: Social Security Administration Headquarters
6401 Security Blvd, 700 Almeyer Building
Baltimore, MD 21235

Time: 10:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

SSAB Members: Barbara Kennelly, Acting Chair
Bernadette Franks-Ongoy
Jagadeesh Gokhale
Dorcas Hardy

Presenters: Stephen Goss, Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration
Michael Morris, Supervisory Actuary for Demographic Analysis and Alternatives Models, Social Security Administration
Nancy Berryhill, Deputy Commissioner of Operations, Social Security Administration
Theresa Gruber, Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Operations, Social Security Administration
Martha Lambie, Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Operations, Social Security Administration
Kenneth Rivers, Associate Commissioner of Telephone Services, Social Security Administration
Sylviane Haldiman, Associate Commissioner of Automation Support, Social Security Administration
Roy Snyder, Associate Commissioner of Electronic Services, Social Security Administration
Kim Baldwin-Sparks, Acting Deputy Associate Commissioner of Electronic Services
Robin Sabatino, Senior Advisor, Office of Electronic Services, Social Security Administration
Rosemary Stricks, Deputy Associate Commissioner of Public Service and Operations Support, Social Security Administration
Ann Robert, Associate Commissioner of Disability Determinations, Social Security Administration

SSAB Staff: Claire Green, Staff Director
Jackie Chapin
Jeremy Elder
Joel Feinleib
Jodi Vican
David Warner
Sarah Weaver, Staff Intern
Alec Moore, Staff Intern
Joshua Radick, Staff Intern
The Board convened its July meeting at Social Security Administration (SSA) headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland. In the morning, the Board met with SSA’s Chief Actuary Stephen Goss to discuss key results of the 2013 Trustees Report under intermediate assumptions. Though the projected actuarial deficit of the combined Social Security trust funds increased from 2.67 to 2.72 percent of payroll this year, the dates for trust fund reserve depletion remained unchanged from the 2012 Report – 2033 for the combined OASDI trust fund and 2016 for the DI trust fund alone. Also unchanged from last year’s report was the year that costs are projected to exceed total trust fund income, including interest, under current law – 2021. According to Mr. Goss, the slight increase in the actuarial deficit was expected, as the 75-year projections were updated to include year 2087.

Afterwards, SSA’s lead demographer Michael Morris provided an overview on how the actuary’s office projects U.S. immigration. Mr. Morris and Mr. Goss also presented an overview of the estimated impacts to Social Security if the U.S. Senate’s recently-passed immigration bill (S. 744) were to become law.

In the afternoon, the Board met with Deputy Commissioner of Operations Nancy Berryhill and other agency executives from within the Office of Operations. Topics discussed included: field office and teleservice center consolidations, regional office shared services, a planned SSA Express service, expansion of the MySSA online portal, MySSA fraud prevention efforts, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) wage reporting, and current progress on the Disability Case Processing System (DCPS).

I certify that the minutes written for the July 15, 2013 meeting of the Social Security Advisory Board are correct.

Barbara B. Kennelly
Acting Chair
Social Security Advisory Board