

**Social Security Advisory Board**  
**Minutes**  
**Board Meeting**  
**November 13, 2013**

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

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

**Presenters:** **Patrick P. O’Carroll, Jr.**, Inspector General, Social Security Administration  
**Kristen Klima**, Congressional and Intragovernmental Liaison, Office of the Inspector General, Social Security Administration  
**Glenn Sklar**, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review, Social Security Administration  
**Debra Bice**, Chief Administrative Law Judge, Social Security Administration  
**David Podoff**, former Social Security Advisory Board member

**SSAB Staff:** Claire Green, Staff Director  
Jeremy Elder  
Joel Feinleib  
Alec Moore  
David Warner  
Lynn Fisher, Detailee  
David Gamble, Detailee  
Randy Yiadom, Staff Intern  
Mohammad Humza, Staff Intern

During its November meeting, the Board convened two fact-finding sessions. In the morning, the Board met with Social Security Administration (SSA) Inspector General, Patrick P. O’Carroll. Mr. O’Carroll provided updates concerning the recent federal investigations his office has been involved with in Huntington, West Virginia and Puerto Rico. He also discussed the IG’s ongoing efforts in preventing Social Security fraud and identity theft, particularly with regard to the *My Social Security* web portal as well as Direct Deposit fraud.

In the afternoon the Board met with Glenn Sklar, SSA's Deputy Commissioner of Disability Adjudication and Review and SSA's Chief Administrative Law Judge, Debra Bice. The primary topic of this meeting was the role of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) in the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) hiring process. Mr. Sklar and Judge Bice discussed a brief history of the ALJ examination process at OPM and outlined the current struggles and growing case backlog, as well as the foreseeable crisis that will occur if the agency is unable to hire enough ALJs to address the growing workload.

Later that afternoon, the Board met with former Advisory Board member David Podoff. Dr. Podoff discussed plans to write a book on the late Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, one of the leading advocates on creating a Social Security Advisory Board back when SSA became independent in 1994. He plans to have the book published sometime in 2015, which will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of when the Board began its work in 1995.

The Board also met in executive session several times through the day to discuss and review current Board projects, planned and proposed future projects, and the agenda for 2014.

I certify that the minutes written for the November 13, 2013 meeting of the Social Security Advisory Board are correct.



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Barbara B. Kennelly

Acting Chair  
Social Security Advisory Board