

Social Security Advisory Board
Minutes
Board Meeting
September 16, 2014

Location: 6401 Security Blvd, 700 Altmeyer Building
Baltimore, MD 21235

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

SSAB Members: Henry Aaron, Chairman
Lanhee Chen
Alan Cohen
Bernadette Franks-Ongoy
Jagadeesh Gokhale
Dorcas Hardy
Barbara Kennelly

Presenters: **Carolyn Colvin**, Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration
Stephen C. Goss, Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration
Eli N. Donkar, Deputy Chief Actuary – Short-run Estimates, Social Security Administration
Alice H. Wade, Deputy Chief Actuary – Long-run Estimates, Social Security Administration
Ruby Burrell, Chief Strategic Officer and Performance Improvement Officer, Social Security Administration
Roger Kodat, Project Director, National Academy of Public Administration

SSAB Staff: Claire Green, Staff Director
Jeremy Elder, Executive Assistant
Joel Feinleib, Staff Economist
Sterling Laudon, Policy Attorney
Sarah Weaver, Research Assistant
Hong Han, Associate
Ellen Skirvin, Associate

During its September Meeting, the Board welcomed three new Board members: Henry Aaron of the Brookings Institution who will now serve as Chairman of the Board, Lanhee Chen of the Hoover Institution and Stanford University, and Alan Cohen of the Center for American Progress.

In the morning, the Board met with SSA's Acting Commissioner Carolyn Colvin, who welcomed the three newest Board members. After introductions and opening remarks, the Commissioner discussed

topics that included the issues and challenges currently facing the agency and the public it serves. Later that morning, the Board met with Stephen Goss, Eli Donkar, and Alice Wade from the Office of the Chief Actuary. The Actuaries presented on the financial status of the Social Security Trust Funds based on key results under intermediate assumptions as reported in the *2014 Annual Trustees Report*.

In the afternoon, the Board met with Ruby Burrell, Chief Strategic Officer at SSA and Roger Kodat, Project Director at the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA). Mr. Kodat gave an overview of a report commissioned by SSA which requested that NAPA make suggestions regarding SSA's long-term strategic planning. Ms. Burrell provided an update on the agency's *Vision 2025* report, which will draw from many of the insights that are in NAPA's report, but which will also include suggestions and input from SSA staff. Board members expressed particular interest in plans for upgrading access by computer and stressed the need to maintain high quality in-person service.

I certify that the minutes written for the September 16, 2014 meeting of the Social Security Advisory Board are correct.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Aaron".

Henry J. Aaron

Chairman
Social Security Advisory Board