

Social Security Advisory Board
Minutes
Board Meeting
June 23, 2015

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

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

Presenters: **Patrick O’Carroll**, Inspector General, Social Security Administration
Gale Stallworth Stone, Deputy Inspector General, Social Security Administration
Marianna LaCanfora, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Office of Retirement and Disability Policy, Social Security Administration
Dan Zabronsky, Division Director, Office of Budget, Finance, Quality, and Management, Office of Quality Improvement, Office of Modeling, Social Security Administration
Mike Murphy, Chief of Staff, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget
Marc Goldwein, Senior Vice President, Senior Policy Director, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget
Edward Lorenzen, Senior Advisor, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget
Alexandra De Filippo, Policy Analyst, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget

SSAB Staff: Claire Green, Staff Director
Jeremy Elder, Policy Analyst
Joel Feinleib, Staff Economist
Sterling Laudon, Policy Attorney
David Warner, Management Chief
Carlie Augustin, Policy Analyst

Amber Davis, NASI Fellow
Bethel Dejene, Research Analyst
Teron Gorham, Detailee
Hong Han, Research Analyst
Claire Jensen, NASI Fellow
Anita Kelly, Detailee
Teresa Pfender, Detailee
Jenn Rigger, Detailee

The June Board meeting began with an Executive Session.

The Board then met with Social Security Administration (SSA) Inspector General Patrick O'Carroll and Deputy Inspector General Gale Stallworth Stone. Mr. O'Carroll described the current issues related to the Death Master File (DMF), such as the effect of inaccurate reporting on improper payments. Ms. Stone then explained challenges in the SSA representative payee program addressing misuse as well as elderly abuse. Mr. O'Carroll also briefly spoke about the work being done in regards to expanding Cooperative Disability Investigation (CDI) units.

The Board next met in Executive Session with SSA Acting Commissioner Carolyn Colvin. Ms. Colvin discussed various topics of interest to the Board, including representative payee issues. She also discussed the Treasury Offset Program, which has allowed old debt to be collected for past overpayments. In conclusion, Ms. Colvin explained her top priorities within the vision report.

In the afternoon, the Board met with Marianna LaCanfora, Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Retirement and Disability Policy and Dan Zabronsky, Division Director of the Office of Modeling, Office of Budget, Finance, Quality, and Management. Mr. Zabronsky began by discussing the integrity of the representative payee program and the two types of reviews conducted by SSA – mandatory and discretionary reviews. He discussed the predictive models built by his component which are intended to detect payee misuse and determine who receives a discretionary review. Ms. LaCanfora then followed with a discussion on SSA's Death Master File (DMF). She provided a background on the DMF and noted the limitations and shortcomings of this database. Lastly, Ms. LaCanfora noted improvements in death reporting for states that use the Electronic Death Registration (EDR) system, and also discussed recent SSA data analysis efforts to improve the DMF.

The Board also met with Mike Murphy, Marc Goldwein, and David Barnes, members of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget (CRFB). CRFB staff discussed the different papers that they are sponsoring for their *SSDI Solutions Initiative*. These papers aim at reforming different aspects of the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program.

I certify that the minutes written for the June 23, 2015 meeting of the Social Security Advisory Board are correct.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry Aaron". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Henry J. Aaron

Chairman
Social Security Advisory Board