

**Social Security Advisory Board**  
**Minutes**  
**Board Meeting**  
**January 15, 2016**

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

**Time:** 9:30 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:** **Stephen C. Goss**, Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration  
**Michael Wiseman**, Research Professor of Public Policy, Public Administration, and Economics, George Washington University Institute of Public Policy  
**Robert Klopp**, Deputy Commissioner of Systems, Social Security Administration

**SSAB Staff:** Claire Green, Staff Director  
Jackie Chapin, Policy Chief  
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Anita Kelly, Communications Director  
Jenn Rigger, Senior Advisor  
Sterling Laudon, Policy Attorney  
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David Warner, Management Chief  
Sarah Weaver, Management Analyst  
Bethel Dejene, Research Analyst  
Hong Han, Research Analyst  
Matthew Graves, Research Analyst

The January Board meeting began with an Executive Session.

In the morning, the Board met with Social Security Administration (SSA) Chief Actuary Steve Goss. Mr. Goss talked about the recently completed 2015 Technical Panel on Assumptions and Methods, recounted previous technical panels, and offered his opinion about building on previous efforts. He also

offered advice about how technical panels could benefit the Office of Actuary when it produces the Trustees Report. Mr. Goss answered questions about replacement rates produced by SSA, legislative proposals affecting the Government Pension Offset, and the newly authorized Benefit Offset National Demonstration (BOND) program.

The Board next met with Michael Wiseman, Research Professor of Public Policy, Public Administration, and Economics, George Washington University. Mr. Wiseman highlighted the work he will be doing with the Social Security Advisory Board (SSAB). He explained that he will be developing recommendations for post-BOND SSA policy experimentation.

The Board met in another Executive Session after lunch.

In the afternoon, the Board spoke via video conference with Robert Klopp, SSA's Deputy Commissioner of Systems. Mr. Klopp updated the Board on SSA's Disability Case Processing System (DCPS). Mr. Klopp stated that the frequently delayed project was coming to completion more quickly because of new software simplification. The new system will be built for each state and DCPS will be fully rolled out to at least two DDS by the end of 2016.

The Board ended the day with a meeting in Executive Session.

I certify that the minutes written for the January 15, 2016 meeting of the Social Security Advisory Board are correct.



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Henry J. Aaron

Chairman  
Social Security Advisory Board