

**Social Security Advisory Board
Minutes
Board Meeting
February 19, 2016**

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

Time: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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

Presenters: **Molly Burgdorf**, Senior Advisor, Center for Policy and Evaluation, Administration for Community Living (ACL), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Jonathan Martinis, Project Director, National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making (NRC-SDM) (grantee of the ACL)
Steve Kofahl, President of Local 3937, American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE)
Stacy Rodgers, Chief of Staff, Office of the Commissioner, SSA
Ruby Burrell, Chief Strategic Officer, Office of the Chief Strategic Officer, SSA
Andy Liu, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, SSA
Mary Ann Zimmerman, Acting Deputy Executive Director, Office of General Counsel, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, SSA

SSAB Staff: Claire Green, Staff Director
Jackie Chapin, Policy Chief
Joel Feinleib, Staff Economist
Anita Grant, Communications Director
Sterling Laudon, Policy Attorney
Jenn Rigger, Senior Advisor
Caitlyn Tateishi, Management Analyst
David Warner, Management Chief
Bethel Dejene, Research Analyst
Hong Han, Research Analyst
Matthew Graves, Research Analyst

The Board met with Molly Burgdorf, Senior Advisor at the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and Jonathan Martinis, Project Director of the National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making. Ms. Burgdorf gave an overview of Supported Decision-

Making and the role that ACL plays in this program. Mr. Martinis explained how Supported Decision-Making positively affects individuals in the program. Ms. Burgdorf and Mr. Martinis drew parallels between supported decision-making and SSA's representative payee program, suggesting methods that could be adopted by SSA.

The Board met with Steve Kofahl, AFGE Local 3937 President. Mr. Kofahl addressed several SSA issues, including SSA's budget, renovation of the Altmeyer Building, and benefit fraud. He also spoke about SSA's Strategic Plan and the Critical Eight Priorities, and the implications of the Executive Order regarding gun control for SSA claims representatives.

The Board met with Stacy Rodgers, the acting commissioner's Chief of Staff, and Ruby Burrell, SSA's Chief Strategic Officer. Ms. Rodgers and Ms. Burrell led an overview and answered questions about SSA's Vision 2025 Strategic Plan and Critical Eight Priorities. They described the process used by SSA to develop these plans and the "roadmap" that SSA is using to achieve their goals by year 2025.

The Board met with Andy Liu, SSA's General Counsel, and Mary Ann Zimmerman, Acting Deputy Executive Director of the Office of Privacy and Disclosure. Mr. Liu described the Office of the General Counsel's workloads, and briefed the Board about work in the Office of General Law, Office of Program Law, and the Office of Regional Chief Counsels. Ms. Zimmerman spoke about work in the Office of Privacy and Disclosure and data exchange agreements.

The Board met in Executive Session throughout the day between public presentations.

I certify that the minutes written for the February 19, 2016 meeting of the Social Security Advisory Board are correct.



Henry J. Aaron

Chairman
Social Security Advisory Board