

**Social Security Advisory Board
Minutes
Board Meeting
April 21, 2016**

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

Time: 8:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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

Presenters: **Dr. Paul Appelbaum**, Chair of Committee to Evaluate the Social Security Administration's Capability Determination Process for Adult Beneficiaries, Institute of Medicine
Frederick Erdtmann, Board Director, Board on the Health of Select Populations, Institute of Medicine
Carol Spicer, staff member, Board on the Health of Select Populations, Institute of Medicine
Frank Valliere, staff member, Board on the Health of Select Populations, Institute of Medicine
Stephen Evangelista, Associate Commissioner, Office of Data Exchange and Policy Publications (ODEPP), Office of the Associate Commissioner (OAC), SSA
Patrick O'Carroll, Inspector General, SSA
Marilyn Zahm, President, Administrative Law Judge Union
Linda Stagno, Vice President for New York Region, Administrative Law Judge Union

SSAB Staff: Claire Green, Staff Director
David Warner, Management Chief
Jackie Chapin, Policy Chief
Anita Kelly, Communications Director
Joel Feinleib, Staff Economist
Jenn Rigger, Senior Advisor
Sterling Laudon, Policy Attorney
Sarah Weaver, Policy Analyst

Caitlyn Tateishi, Management Analyst
Bethel Dejene, Research Analyst
Hong Han, Research Analyst
Matthew Graves, Research Analyst
Obie Blackmon, Detailee
Fran Huber, Detailee
Laura King, Detailee

The April Board meeting began with a short meeting in Executive Session.

In the morning, the Board met with Dr. Paul Appelbaum, Chair of Committee to Evaluate the Social Security Administration's (SSA) Capability Determination Process for Adult Beneficiaries, Institute of Medicine and his team. Mr. Appelbaum gave a presentation on the Committee's recently published report on Financial Capability, "Informing Social Security's Process for Financial Capability Determination." This report was commissioned by SSA.

The Board next met with the Stephen Evangelista, Associate Commissioner, Office of Data Exchange and Policy Publications (ODEPP), Office of the Associate Commissioner (OAC), SSA and his team. Mr. Evangelista discussed efforts to improve the Data Exchange process. SSA has created an inter-agency workgroup to streamline the process of data sharing and build understanding between agencies that have sensitive data.

The Board then met in Executive Session. The Board continued to meet in Executive Session through lunch as Acting Commissioner Carolyn Colvin was not able to meet for lunch.

In the afternoon, the Board met with SSA Inspector General Pat O'Carroll who will be retiring at the end of May 2016. The Board heard Mr. O'Carroll's perspective on major challenges facing the agency, current investigations, and audits.

The Board ended the day with a meeting with Marilyn Zahm, President, Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Union Linda Stagno, Vice President for New York Region, Administrative Law Judge Union. The ALJ Union commissioned a report on the processing time of disability claims at the hearings level. Judge Zahm and Judge Stagno discussed ALJ workloads, challenges, and suggestions to improve the disability application process.

I certify that the minutes written for the April 21, 2016 meeting of the Social Security Advisory Board are correct.



Henry J. Aaron

Chairman
Social Security Advisory Board