

**Social Security Advisory Board
Minutes
Board Meeting
October 18 -19, 2017**

Location: 6401 Security Blvd WHR Room GD-7
Baltimore MD, 21235

400 Virginia Ave SW Suite 625
Washington DC 20024

Time: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

SSAB Members: Kim Hildred, Chair
Henry Aaron
Lanhee Chen
Jagadeesh Gokhale
Bernadette Franks-Ongoy
Nancy Altman

Presenters – Day 1: **Stephanie Hall**, Deputy Chief of Staff
Michelle King, Deputy Commissioner, Budget, Finance, and Management
John Simermeyer, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Budget, Finance, and Management
Mark Warshawsky, Deputy Commissioner, Retirement and Disability Policy
Stephen Evangelista, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Retirement and Disability Policy
Marianna LaCanfora, Deputy Commissioner, Human Resources
Bonnie Doyle, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Human Resources
Mary Horne, Deputy Commissioner, Operations
Erik Jones, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Operations

Presenters – Day 2: **Bruce D. Meyer**, Member, Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking
McCormick Foundation Professor, University of Chicago
Visiting Scholar, American Enterprise Institute

SSAB Staff: Claire Green, Staff Director
David Warner, Senior Advisor
Anita Grant, Senior Advisor
Diane Brandt, Senior Advisor
Joel Feinleib, Staff Economist
Caitlyn Tateishi, Management Analyst
Bethel Dejene, Management Analyst
Conway Reinders, Research Analyst
Hilary Waldron, Economist, SSA Detailee

Day 1 of the October board meeting was held at Social Security Headquarters in Baltimore MD. The Board asked to meet with the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) of Budget, Finance, and Management; Retirement and Disability Policy, Human Resources; and Operations. Each DC explained in their presentation:

- The structure of their organization
- Role and responsibilities
- Key organizational processes
- Performance measures for which they are responsible and their progress
- Unique challenges and major concerns.

For Day 2 of the meeting, the board met with Bruce D. Meyer, Member, Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking (CEP); McCormick Foundation Professor, University of Chicago; Visiting Scholar, American Enterprise Institute. The CEP was established by the bipartisan Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission Act of 2016 (P.L. 114-140), which was jointly sponsored by Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) and Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), and signed by President Barack Obama on March 30, 2016.

CEP was composed of 15 members appointed by the President and leaders in Congress, with expertise in privacy and program administration, data or research. Meyer briefed the board on their mission, which was to develop a strategy for increasing the availability and use of data to strengthen the government's evidence-building and policymaking efforts.

The CEP met for 15 months, beginning in July 2016. Throughout the course of the Commission's work, they studied how to improve access to existing data and to enhance the government's evidence-building infrastructure, while improving upon existing privacy protections, data security and transparency. There were 22 final recommendations surrounding three main themes:

- Improving secure, private and confidential data access
- Modernizing privacy protections for evidence building
- Strengthening federal capacity for evidence building

I certify that the minutes written for the October 18 to 19, 2017 meeting of the Social Security Advisory Board are correct.



Kim Hildred
Chair - Social Security Advisory Board