

Commissioner Biographies

Katharine G. Abraham
University of Maryland
Commissioner and Chair

Katharine G. Abraham is Professor of Economics and Survey Methodology at the University of Maryland. She has written extensively on the effects of labor market policies and institutions on firm and worker behavior, labor market adjustment over the business cycle, and the measurement of economic activity. Abraham first joined the University of Maryland faculty in 1987, after holding prior positions at the Brookings Institution from 1985 to 1987 and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Sloan School of Management from 1980 to 1985. From 2011 to 2013, Abraham served as a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers and from 1993 to 2001, she served as Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Abraham is a Fellow of the Society of Labor Economists and of the American Statistical Association and has served as a Vice President of the American Economic Association. Abraham received a Bachelor's degree from Iowa State University and a Ph.D. from Harvard University.

Ron Haskins
Brookings Institution
Commissioner and Co-Chair

Ron Haskins is a Senior Fellow and holds the Cabot Family Chair in Economic Studies at the Brookings Institution, where he co-directs the Center on Children and Families. Haskins is also a senior consultant at the Annie E. Casey Foundation and is Past-President of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. Prior to joining Brookings and Casey, he spent 14 years on the staff of the House Ways and Means Human Resources Subcommittee, serving as the subcommittee's Staff Director after Republicans became the majority party in the House after the 1994 elections. He holds a Bachelor's degree in History, a Master of Arts in Teaching, and a Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In his Washington career, he has focused on evidence-based policy, early childhood education, marriage and family formation, poverty, equal opportunity, abused and neglected children, and budget issues.

Sherry Glied
New York University
Commissioner

In August 2013, Sherry Glied became Dean of New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. From 1989-2013, she was Professor of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. She was Chair of the department from 1998-2009. On June 22, 2010, Glied was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and served in that capacity from July 2010 through August 2012. She has previously served as Senior Economist for health care and labor market policy on the Council of Economic Advisers in 1992-1993, under Presidents Bush and Clinton. Glied's principal areas of research are in health policy reform and mental health care policy.

Robert M. Groves
Georgetown University
Commissioner

Robert M. Groves is the Provost of Georgetown University and the Gerard J. Campbell, S.J. Professor in the Math and Statistics Department as well as the Sociology Department. He served as director of the U.S. Census Bureau during the conduct of the 2010 Census of Population. Groves studies how to improve large-scale sample surveys and censuses. His research has focused on the impact of mode of data collection on responses in sample surveys, the influences on survey participation, the use of adaptive research designs to improve the cost and error properties of statistics, and public concerns about privacy affecting attitudes toward statistical agencies. Groves is an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Medicine. He is also the chair of the Committee on National Statistics at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. He is an appointed member of the National Science Board, overseeing the National Science Foundation, as well as the Board of the Pew Research Center.

Robert Hahn
University of Oxford
Commissioner

Robert Hahn is Professor and Director of Economics at the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment at the University of Oxford; a senior fellow at the Institute for New Economic Thinking at Oxford; a senior fellow at the Georgetown University Center for Business and Public Policy, and a non-resident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. Hahn worked at American Enterprise Institute for two decades, where he co-founded and directed the AEI-Brookings Joint Center. Previously, Hahn worked for the Council of Economic Advisers and was the chief economist on the White House drafting team for the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments. He also has served on the faculties of Harvard University and Carnegie Mellon University. Hahn is currently conducting several behavioral economics experiments aimed at encouraging the conservation of energy and water resources, improving labor productivity, improving health outcomes, and understanding the welfare benefits of new technologies. In addition, he co-founded the Community Preparatory School, an inner-city middle school in Providence, Rhode Island, that provides opportunities for disadvantaged youth to achieve their full potential.

Hilary Hoynes
University of California, Berkeley
Commissioner

Hilary Hoynes is a Professor of Economics and Public Policy and holds the Haas Distinguished Chair in Economic Disparities at the University of California, Berkeley. From 2011 to 2016, she was a co-editor of the leading journal in economics the American Economic Review. Hoynes specializes in the study of poverty, inequality, food and nutrition programs, and the impacts of government tax and transfer programs on low-income families. Current projects include evaluating the effects of access to the social safety net in early life on later life health and human capital outcomes, examining the effects of the Great Recession on poverty, and the role of the safety net in mitigating income

losses. Professor Hoynes is a member of the American Economic Association's Executive Committee and a member of the Committee Panel on National Statistics at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on Building an Agenda to Reduce the Number of Children in Poverty by Half in 10 Years. Previously, she was a member of the Advisory Committee for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences for the National Science Foundation and the National Advisory Committee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Program.

Jeffrey Liebman
Harvard University
Commissioner

Jeffrey Liebman is the Malcolm Wiener Professor of Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School where he directs the Taubman Center for State and Local Government and the Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston. Liebman teaches courses in social policy, public sector economics, American economic policy, and public sector management. In his research, he studies tax and budget policy, social insurance, and public sector innovation. During the first two years of the Obama Administration, Liebman served at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, first as Executive Associate Director and Chief Economist and then as Acting Deputy Director. From 1998 to 1999, Liebman served as Special Assistant to the President for economic policy and coordinated the Clinton Administration's Social Security reform technical working group. For the past five years, his Harvard Kennedy School Government Performance Lab has been providing pro bono technical assistance to state and local governments interested in improving the results they achieve for their citizens.

Bruce D. Meyer
University of Chicago
Commissioner

Bruce D. Meyer is the McCormick Foundation Professor at the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago where he has been since 2004. From 1987 to 2004, Meyer was a professor in the Economics Department at Northwestern University. He is also a Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research and a Visiting Scholar at the American Enterprise Institute. He studies poverty and inequality, tax policy, government safety net programs such as unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, food stamps, and Medicaid, and the accuracy of household surveys. His most recent work includes research on trends in poverty and inequality, the consequences of disability, the effects of Medicaid, and errors in household surveys. He currently serves on the Technical Advisory Committee to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the American Economic Association Committee on Government Relations, and as an officer of the Business and Economic Statistics Section of the American Statistical Association. Meyer received his Bachelor's degree and Master's degree in economics from Northwestern University and his Ph.D. in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Paul Ohm
Georgetown University
Commissioner

Paul Ohm is a Professor of Law at the Georgetown University Law Center. He specializes in information privacy, computer crime law, intellectual property, and criminal procedure.

Allison B. Orris
U.S. Office of Management and Budget
Commissioner

(Departed the Commission on January 20, 2017)

Allison B. Orris was the Associate Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, a position she held from September 2014-January 2017. Orris served in several roles at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services from 2009 to 2014, including Senior Policy Advisor, Acting Director of the Division of State Demonstrations and Waivers, and Director of the Low Income Programs Analysis Group in the Office of Legislation. Before joining CMS, Orris was a Senior Legislative Associate at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities from 2006 to 2009. From 2002 to 2006, she practiced law at Powell Goldstein LLP in Washington, D.C. Orris received a Bachelor's degree in History from Columbia University and a J.D. from Yale University.

Nancy Potok
U.S. Office of Management and Budget
Commissioner

(Appointed to the Commission on March 10, 2017)

Nancy Potok is Chief Statistician of the United States and Chief of the Statistical and Science Policy Branch in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. Prior to January 2017, she served as Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer of the U.S. Census Bureau. She has also served as Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Affairs at the U.S. Department of Commerce; Principal Associate Director and CFO at the U.S. Census Bureau; Senior Vice President for Economic, Labor, and Population Studies at NORC at the University of Chicago; and Chief Operating Officer at McManis & Monsalve Associates, a business analytics consulting firm. She is an adjunct professor at the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration at The George Washington University. Potok is an elected Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Institute of Pure and Applied Mathematics at the University of California Los Angeles; the Board of Trustees for the Arthur S. Flemming Award, which recognizes outstanding achievement by federal employees with fewer than 15 years of service; and The George Washington University Trachtenberg School Advisory Board. Potok received her Ph.D. in public policy and public administration at The George Washington University, with an emphasis on program evaluation.

Kathleen Rice Mosier
Faegre Baker Daniels, LLP
Commissioner

Kathleen Rice Mosier is a Counsel at Faegre Baker Daniels, LLP, where she provides advice and assistance to organizations on issues relating to privacy, data security, risk management, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Before joining FaegreBD, she spent nearly 20 years in law enforcement and national security. She served as a Counsel on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, as an Assistant General Counsel for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida. She is a frequent author and speaker on privacy and data security matters. She is also a Certified Information Privacy Professional, International Association of Privacy Professionals, and an Adjunct Professor of Law at Notre Dame Law School.

Robert Shea
Grant Thornton, LLP
Commissioner

Robert Shea is a principal and a member of the Public Sector practice at Grant Thornton, LLP. He leads Strategy and Communications for Grant Thornton Public Sector and provides performance improvement services to international, federal, and state and local government agencies. Before joining Grant Thornton, Shea served as Associate Director for Management at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Before joining OMB, Shea served as counsel to the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, legislative director for Congressman Pete Sessions (TX), and professional staff member for the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

Latanya Sweeney
Harvard University
Commissioner

Latanya Sweeney is Professor of Government and Technology in Residence at Harvard University. Her mission is to create and use technology to assess and solve societal, political and governance problems, and to teach others how to do the same. Her primary area of focus is the scientific study of technology's impact on humankind. She serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Technology Science, Director of the Data Privacy Lab at Harvard, and Faculty Dean at Currier House. Sweeney formerly served as the Chief Technology Officer, also known as the Chief Technologist, at the U.S. Federal Trade Commission.

Kenneth R. Troske
University of Kentucky
Commissioner

Kenneth R. Troske is the Associate Dean for Graduate Programs and Outreach and Richard W. and Janis H. Furst Endowed Chair in Economics at the Gatton College of Business and Economics at the University of Kentucky as well as a Research Fellow with the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) in Bonn, Germany. Troske served as a member of the Congressional Oversight Panel whose task was to assess the existing condition of America's financial markets and the regulatory system as well as to monitor the actions of the Treasury Department and financial institutions to determine if their actions are in the best interest of the American economy. His primary research areas are labor and human resource economics. He received his undergraduate degree in economics from the University of Washington in 1984 and his Ph.D. in economics in 1992 from the University of Chicago.

Kim R. Wallin
D.K. Wallin, Ltd.
Commissioner

Kim R. Wallin is currently in private practice at her CPA firm, D.K. Wallin Ltd., which she founded in 1984. She took eight years off to be the Controller for the State of Nevada. Wallin was the first CPA to be elected to the office of Nevada State Controller in 50 years and the first Certified Management Accountant to ever hold this office. As Controller, she received the Association of Government Accountants Presidents Award and Excellence in Government Award and the National Association of Comptrollers President's Award for her work to improve transparency in government with the use of technology. She also received the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers President's Award for her work on various U.S. Presidential work groups and for her continued efforts to improve efficiency and accountability in Government. Wallin is a graduate of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas with a degree in Business Administration with a major in accounting.