

## Minutes

A meeting of the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board was held in Washington, D.C, on Friday, May 29, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. and continued until 3:00 p.m.

### PRESENT

#### Board Members:

Earl E. Devaney, Chairman, Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board  
Phyllis Fong, Inspector General U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Calvin L. Scovel, II, Inspector General U.S. Department of Transportation  
Daniel Levinson, Inspector General, US. Department of Health and Human Services  
Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Commerce  
Mary Mitchelson, Acting Inspector General, U.S. Department of Education  
J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration  
Richard Skinner, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice  
Eric M. Thorson, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Treasury  
Gregory H. Friedman, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Energy  
Mary Kendall, Inspector General, U.S. Department of the Interior  
Gordon S. Heddell, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Defense

#### Board Staff:

Glen Walker, Executive Director  
Eric M. Lippold, Secretary  
Jennifer Dure, General Counsel  
Ed Pound, Director, Communications  
Michael Wood<sup>1</sup>, Director, Recovery.gov

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

By unanimous vote, the Board approved the consent agenda consisting of the following:

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Members discussed the term of the vice-chair, and by unanimous vote the Board approved a 2-year term.

By unanimous vote, the Board approved the nomination of Mr. Richard Skinner as Vice Chair.

By unanimous vote, the Board approved a 2-year term for all Committee Chairs.

Ms. Dure presented the Recovery Funds Working Group charter, and agreed to present the revised draft to the committee prior to the next Board meeting.

Ms. Dure informed members that she would prepare revisions to all committee charters to reflect the 2-year term of the Committee Chairs.

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<sup>1</sup> Attended portion of the meeting relating to the Mitre report, findings, actions and project planning.

Recovery.gov Committee Chair, J. Russell George provided members with an overview of the May 22, 2009 committee meeting where committee members discussed the following:

- Committee Charter, Election of Chairperson and Vice Chair
- Results of the National Dialogue on Information Technology Solutions
- Results of the Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V) Report
- Current status of Recovery.gov, planned activities/contracts and notional timeline

Mr. Wood briefed members on the following:

- National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) After-Action Report
- MITRE Assessment and IV&V of Recovery.gov Program Management, Acquisition, Architecture, Operations, and Security.
- Reporting requirements and deadlines in the Office of Management and Budget's April 3, 2009 Updated Implementing Guidance for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (M-09-15)
- Acquisition recommendations and near-term acquisition strategy decisions
- Future direction of Recovery.gov

Members inquired as to the status of the MITRE recommendations, and Mr. Wood explained that some recommendations in the report had been superseded by events and were no longer applicable. However, Mr. Wood informed members that staff was moving rapidly to take necessary action where recommendations were still valid.

Members discussed the reporting requirements of the Recovery Act, OMB's guidance and specifically the level of reporting that would be necessary to provide accountability and transparency into how and where Federal funds are spent. Members agreed that OMB should consider expanding the reporting model and include provisions in the June 15, 2009 guidance to obtain information from the first contractor/entity beyond Federal, State, or local recipients.

Members discussed the status of recipient reporting, and when recipient reporting required by Section 1512 of the Recovery Act would begin. The Chairman informed members that agency wide plans were due to OMB no later than May 1, 2009, and following OMB's review, were finalized on May 15 and published on Recovery.gov. The Chairman then informed members that the initial statutory reporting deadline for cumulative activity since the passage of the Recovery Act was October 10, 2009, and that OMB would provide detailed reporting instructions at [www.FederalReporting.gov](http://www.FederalReporting.gov) no less than 45 days before the deadline.

The Chairman provided an update on the status of the Recovery Independent Advisory Panel.

Members continued the discussion on the Board's authority to hold public hearings, and agreed to table the discussion for a future meeting.

Members agreed to hold the next meeting in the Board's conference Room on June 12, 2009.

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**Eric M. Lippold**  
**Secretary**