

**Social Security Advisory Board
Minutes
Board Meeting
June 9, 2010**

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

Time: 8:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SSAB Members: Marsha Katz, Acting Chair
Dana Bilyeu (by telephone)
Jagadeesh Gokhale
Dorcas Hardy
Mark Warshawsky

Presenters: Nancy Shor, Executive Director, National Organization of Social Security
Claimants' Representatives (NOSSCR)
Ethel Zelenske, Director of Government Affairs, NOSSCR
Ephraim Feig, Chief Strategist, SSA
Brigitte Madrian, 2011 Technical Panel Chair

SSAB Staff: Katherine Thornton, Staff Director
Debi Sullivan, Deputy Staff Director
Joel Feinleib
Dean Hunter, Staff Intern
Beverly Rollins
George Schuette
David Warner

During its first meeting of the morning the Board met in executive session to discuss Board business. The members discussed upcoming meeting dates, the 2011 Technical Panel on Assumptions and Methods, and current and future Board projects.

During the second meeting of the morning Board members met with Nancy Shor and Ethel Zelenski to discuss reinstatement of the reconsideration in the disability determination process, and also the Occupational Information Development project.

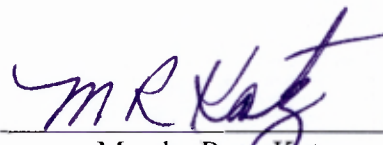
Ms. Shor informed the Board that NOSSCR and the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities have advocated eliminating the reconsideration on the grounds that until the DDSs can deliver better decisions on a complete record it is better not to have reconsideration. Ms. Shor also discussed her reservations about SSA developing its own replacement for the *Dictionary of Occupation Titles*, noting that it would be much faster and cheaper for SSA to work collaboratively with other agencies that already have the necessary expertise to do this rather than have SSA develop its own expertise in this area. There is a lot of data out there—particularly at the Department of Labor—that should be explored.

During the first meeting of the afternoon the Board met with Ephraim Feig to discuss SSA's strategic planning initiatives. Dr. Feig stated that a strategic plan should guide people intellectually and spiritually. It should motivate people. There should be a few grand challenges that are achievable and require effort from every part of the agency. There should also be a grand challenge to bring administrative costs down by 20 percent in a sustainable way. He noted that

SSA has a steering committee of top-level people guiding the strategic planning process. The committee is holding regular meetings, and each SSA component assigns one person as a representative. The members are doing a typical S.W.O.T (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis currently.

The final meeting of the day was with Brigitte Madrian to discuss the activities of the 2011 Technical Panel on Assumptions and Methods. The Board members shared their expectations for the Panel with Dr. Madrian, and also informed her that Acting Chair Kennelly and Mr. Warshawsky will be the Board's liaisons with the Panel.

I certify that the minutes written for June 9, 2010 meeting of the Social Security Advisory Board are correct.



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Marsha Rose Katz, Date
Acting Chair
Social Security Advisory Board