

Social Security Advisory Board
Minutes
Board Meeting
February 3, 2010

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

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

SSAB_Staff: Katherine Thornton, Staff Director
Debi Sullivan, Deputy Staff Director
Joel Feinleib
Beverly Rollins
George Schuette
David Warner

Presenters: Joyce Manchester, Unit Chief, Long-term Modeling Group,
Health and Human Resources Division, Congressional Budget
Office (CBO)
Sam Papenfuss, Unit Chief, Income Security and Education Cost
Estimates Unit, Budget Analysis Division, CBO
David Weiner, Unit Chief, Income Security and Education Cost
Estimates Unit, Budget Analysis Division, CBO
Richard Foster, Chief Actuary, Centers for Medicare and
Medicaid Services (CMS)
Stephen Heffler, Director, National Health Statistics Group,
Office of the Chief Actuary, CMS Steve Goss, Chief Actuary,
Social Security Administration
Alice Wade, Deputy Chief Actuary for Long-range Estimates
Pat Skirvin, Supervisory Economist, Revenue Estimates and
Economic Analysis, Office of the Chief Actuary, SSA
Jason Fichtner, Chief Economist, SSA
Linda Maxfield, Senior Advisor to the Chief Economist, SSA

Michael Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security

Frank Cristaudo, Chief Administrative Law Judge
Terrie Gruber, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, ODAR

Other Guests: David Whalin, Office of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs,
SSA
Scott Frey, SSA
Pat Vinkeres, Office of Management and Budget

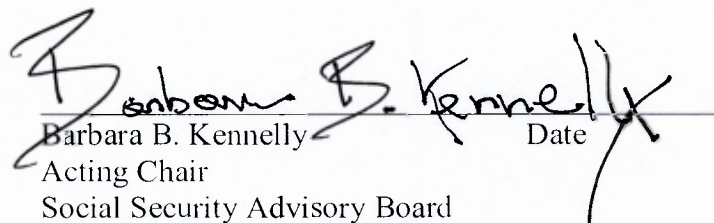
At the February meeting, the Board continued its background work in preparation for chartering the 2011 Technical Panel on Assumptions and Methods. The focus of the morning meeting was on learning more about the methodologies used by CBO, CMS, and SSA to develop short-term and long-term projections. The discussion focused on the use of various models, how forecasting is approached, sampling, and use of other data sets/surveys.

A working lunch with Commissioner Michael Astrue centered on current SSA initiatives and concerns.

The Board followed up on the status of the recruitment and hiring of suitable administrative law judges. Frank Cristaudo, SSA's Chief Administrative Law Judge and Theresa Gruber, Assistant Deputy Commissioner for the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review, provided details of the agency's ongoing negotiations with the Office of Personnel Management to improve this process.

The Board met in closed session to review the status of various administrative issues as well as current projects.

I certify that the minutes written for the February 3, 2010 meeting of the Social Security Advisory Board are correct.


Barbara B. Kennelly _____ Date _____
Acting Chair
Social Security Advisory Board