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## Summary

The President makes appointments to certain positions within the federal government, either using authorities granted to the President alone or with the advice and consent of the Senate. There are some 149 full-time leadership positions on 34 federal regulatory and other collegial boards and commissions for which the Senate provides advice and consent. This report identifies all nominations submitted to the Senate for full-time positions on these 34 boards and commissions during the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Information for each board and commission is presented in profiles and tables. The profiles provide information on leadership structures and statutory requirements (such as term limits and party balance requirements). The tables include full-time positions confirmed by the Senate, pay levels for these positions, incumbents as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, incumbents' parties (where balance is required), and appointment action within each board or commission. Additional summary information across all 34 boards and commissions appears in the appendix.

During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, the President submitted 114 nominations to the Senate for full-time positions on these boards and commissions (most of the remaining positions on these boards and commissions were not vacant during that time). Of these 114 nominations, 77 were confirmed, 7 were withdrawn, and 30 were returned to the President. At the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, 24 incumbents were serving past the expiration of their terms. In addition, there were 22 vacancies among the 149 positions.

Information for this report was compiled using the Senate nominations database of the Legislative Information System (LIS) at <http://www.lis.gov/nomis/>, the *Congressional Record* (daily edition), the *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents*, telephone discussions with agency officials, agency websites, the *United States Code*, and the 2012 *Plum Book (United States Government Policy and Supporting Positions)*.

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## Introduction

The President is responsible for appointing individuals to certain positions in the federal government. In some instances, the President makes these appointments using authorities granted to the President alone. Other appointments, generally referred to with the abbreviation PAS, are made by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate via the nomination and confirmation process. This report identifies, for the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, all nominations submitted to the Senate for full-time positions on 34 regulatory and other collegial boards and commissions.

This report includes information on the leadership structure of each of these 34 boards and commissions as well as a pair of tables presenting information on each body's membership and appointment activity as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress. The profiles discuss the statutory requirements for the appointed positions, including the number of members on each board or commission, their terms of office, whether they may continue in their positions after their terms expire, whether political balance is required, and the method for selecting the chair. The first table in each pair provides information on full-time positions requiring Senate confirmation as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress and the pay levels of those positions. The second table for each board or commission tracks appointment activity within the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress by the Senate (confirmations, rejections, returns to the President, and elapsed time between nomination and confirmation) as well as further related presidential activity (including withdrawals and recess appointments).<sup>1</sup> In some instances, no appointment action occurred within a board or commission during the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Information for this report was compiled using the Senate nominations database of the Legislative Information System (LIS) at <http://www.lis.gov/nomis/>, the *Congressional Record* (daily edition), the *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents*, telephone discussions with agency officials, agency websites, the *United States Code*, and the 2012 *Plum Book (United States Government Policy and Supporting Positions)*.

Congressional Research Service (CRS) reports regarding the presidential appointments process, nomination activity for other executive branch positions, recess appointments, and other related matters may be found at <http://www.crs.gov>.<sup>2</sup>

## Positions on Regulatory and Other Collegial Bodies

Federal executive branch boards and commissions discussed in this report share, among other characteristics, the following: (1) they are independent executive branch bodies located, with four exceptions, outside executive departments;<sup>3</sup> (2) several board or commission members head each

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<sup>1</sup> For more information on recess appointments, see CRS Report RS21308, *Recess Appointments: Frequently Asked Questions*, by (name redacted).

<sup>2</sup> A collection of such reports may be found at <http://crs.gov/pages/subissue.aspx?cliid=2153&parentid=12&preview=False>.

<sup>3</sup> Exceptions are as follows: (1) the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), located in the Department of Energy (DOE); (2) the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission (FCSC) and (3) the United States Parole Commission (USPC), both located in the Department of Justice (DOJ); and (4) the Surface Transportation Board (STB), located in the Department of Transportation (DOT). FERC's enabling statute designated it as an independent entity in DOE and provided that its members and employees are not subject to the supervision or direction of department officials (42 (continued...))



entity, and at least one of these members serves full time; (3) the members are appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate; and (4) the members serve fixed terms of office and, except in a few bodies, the President’s power to remove them is restricted.

For most of the boards and commissions included in this report, the fixed terms of office for member positions have set beginning and end dates, irrespective of whether the posts are filled or when appointments are made. In contrast, for a few agencies, such as the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, the full term begins when an appointee takes office and expires after the incumbent has held the post for the requisite period of time. The end dates of the fixed terms of a board’s members are staggered so that the terms do not expire all at once. The use of terms with fixed beginning and end dates is intended to minimize the occurrence of simultaneous board member departures and thereby increase leadership continuity.

Under such an arrangement, an individual is nominated to a particular position and a particular term of office. An individual may be nominated and confirmed for a position for the remainder of an unexpired term to replace an appointee who has resigned (or died). Alternatively, an individual might be nominated for an upcoming term with the expectation that the new term will be under way by the time of confirmation. Occasionally, when the unexpired term has been for a relatively short period, the President has submitted two nominations of the same person simultaneously—the first to complete the unexpired term and the second to complete the entire succeeding term of office.

On some commissions, the chair is subject to Senate confirmation and must be appointed from among the incumbent commissioners. If the President wishes to appoint, as chair, someone who is not on the commission, the President simultaneously submits two nominations for the nominee—one for member and the other for chair.

As independent entities with staggered membership, executive branch boards and commissions have more political independence from the President than do executive departments. Nonetheless, the President can sometimes exercise significant influence over the composition of a board or commission’s membership when he designates the chair or has the opportunity to fill a number of vacancies at once. For example, President George W. Bush had the chance to shape the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) during the first two years of his presidency because of existing vacancies, resignations, and the death of a member. Likewise, during the same time period, President Bush was able to submit nominations for all of the positions on the National Labor Relations Board because of existing vacancies, expiring recess appointments, and resignations. Simultaneous turnover of board or commission membership may result from coincidence, but it also may be the result of a buildup of vacancies after extended periods of time in which the President fails to nominate, or the Senate fails to confirm, members.

Two other notable characteristics apply to appointments to some of the boards and commissions. First, for 26 of the bodies in this report, the law limits the number of appointed members who

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U.S.C. §7171(d)). The FCSC was designated as an independent entity within DOJ with a specific provision that decisions of the commission with respect to claims shall not be subject to review by the Attorney General (22 U.S.C. §1622g). The enabling statute of the USPC established it as an independent agency within DOJ (18 U.S.C. §4202). The enabling statute of the STB provided that “members, employees, and other personnel of the Board shall not be responsible to or subject to the supervision or direction of any officer, employee, or agent” of DOT (49 U.S.C. §703(c)).

may belong to the same political party, usually to no more than a bare majority of the appointed members (e.g., two of three or three of five).<sup>4</sup> Second, advice and consent requirements also apply to inspector general appointments in four of these organizations and general counsel appointments in three.

## Appointments During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress

During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, President Barack H. Obama submitted nominations to the Senate for 86 of the 149 full-time positions on 34 regulatory and other boards and commissions (most of the remaining positions were not vacant during that time). He submitted a total of 114 nominations for these positions, of which 77 were confirmed, 7 were withdrawn, 30 were returned to the President, and no recess appointments were made. The number of nominations exceeded the number of positions because the President submitted multiple nominations for some positions. In some cases, for example, the President nominated an individual for both the end of a term in progress and a reappointment for the succeeding term. In other cases, the President submitted a second nomination after his first choice failed to be confirmed. **Table 1** summarizes the appointment activity for the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress. At the end of the Congress, 24 incumbents were serving past the expiration of their terms.<sup>5</sup> In addition, there were 22 vacancies among the 149 positions.

## Length of Time to Confirm a Nomination

The length of time a given nomination may be pending in the Senate has varied widely. Some nominations have been confirmed within a few days, others have been confirmed within several months, and some have never been confirmed. In the board and commission profiles, this report provides, for each board or commission nomination confirmed in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, the number of days between nomination and confirmation (*days to confirm*). For those nominations confirmed, a mean (average) of 124.2 days elapsed from nomination to confirmation. The median<sup>6</sup> number of days elapsed was 112.0. The difference between these two numbers suggests the mean was pulled upward by a small amount of unusually high numbers.

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<sup>4</sup> For 3 of these 26 organizations—the Election Assistance Commission, the Federal Election Commission, and the United States International Trade Commission—the number of member positions is even and no more than half may be of the same party.

<sup>5</sup> The enabling statutes for some boards and commissions provide for the continuation of a member’s service past the end of his or her term for an additional specified period of time or until replaced by a successor. Such provisions are known as *holdover provisions*. A member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, for example, serves for a term of five years but “may serve after the expiration of that member’s term until a successor has taken office” (42 U.S.C. §2286(d)(3)).

<sup>6</sup> This median is the middle number when the days to confirm data for all the confirmed nominations are arranged in numerical order.

**Table I. Appointment Action to Full-Time Positions for Regulatory and Other Collegial Boards and Commissions**

(113<sup>th</sup> Congress, 2013-2014)

<b>Positions on Boards and Commissions (Total)</b>	<b>149</b>
Positions to which nominations were made	86
Individual nominees	85
<b>Nominations Submitted to the Senate During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress (Total)</b>	<b>114</b>
Disposition of nominations	
Confirmed by the Senate	77
Withdrawn	7
Returned	30
<b>Recess Appointments</b>	<b>0</b>

**Source:** Created by the Congressional Research Service (CRS). The information in this table summarizes data presented in **Table A-2**.

## Organization of the Report

### Board and Commission Profiles

Each of the 34 board or commission profiles in this report is organized into three parts: (1) a paragraph discussing the body’s leadership structure, (2) a table identifying its membership as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, and (3) a table listing nominations and appointments to its vacant positions during the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress. The leadership structure sections discuss the statutory requirements for the appointed positions, including the number of members on each board or commission, their terms of office, whether these members may continue in their positions after their terms expire, whether political balance is required, and the method for selecting the chair.

Data<sup>7</sup> on appointment actions during the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress appear under both the “Membership as of the End of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress” and the “Appointment Action in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress” sections. The former identifies the agencies’ positions requiring Senate confirmation and the incumbents in those positions as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Incumbents whose terms have expired are italicized. Most incumbents serve fixed terms of office and are removable only for specified causes. They generally remain in office when a new Administration assumes office following a presidential election. For those agencies requiring political balance among their members, the party affiliation of an incumbent is listed as Democrat (D), Republican (R), or Independent (I).

<sup>7</sup> This report was compiled from data from the Senate nominations database of the Legislative Information System (LIS) <http://www.congress.gov/nomis/>, telephone discussions with agency officials, agency websites, the *United States Code*, and the 2012 *Plum Book* (U.S. Congress, House Committee on Oversight and Governmental Reform, *United States Government Policy and Supporting Positions*, 112<sup>th</sup> Cong., 2<sup>nd</sup> sess., Committee Print, December 1, 2012 [Washington: GPO, 2012]).

Both sections include the pay levels of each position. For presidentially appointed positions requiring Senate confirmation, the pay levels fall under the Executive Schedule, which ranges from level I, for Cabinet-level offices, to level V, for the lowest-ranked positions. Most of the chair positions are at level III, and most of the other positions are at level IV.<sup>8</sup>

For each board or commission, the “Appointment Action” section provides information about each nomination, in chronological order, including the name of the nominee, the position to which he or she was nominated, the date of submission, the date of confirmation (if any), and the number of days that elapsed from submission to confirmation. It also notes actions other than confirmation (i.e., nominations rejected by the Senate, nominations returned to or withdrawn by the President, and recess appointments). Occasionally, where a position was vacant and the unexpired term of office was to end within a number of weeks or months, the President submitted two nominations for the same nominee: the first to complete the unexpired term, and the second for a full term following completion of the expired term.

Tables that show more than one confirmed nomination provide the mean number of days to confirm a nomination. This figure was determined by calculating the number of days elapsed from the nomination and confirmation dates, adding these numbers for all confirmed nominations, and dividing the result by the number of nominations confirmed. For tables with instances of one individual being confirmed more than once (to be a chair and a member, for example), the mean was calculated by averaging all values in the “Days to Confirm” column, including the values for both confirmations.

## **Additional Appointment Information**

**Appendix A** provides two tables. **Table A-1** includes information on each of the nominations and appointments to regulatory and other collegial boards and commissions during the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, alphabetically organized and following a similar format to that of the “Appointment Action” sections discussed above. It identifies the board or commission involved and the dates of nomination and confirmation. The appendix also indicates if a nomination was withdrawn, returned, rejected, or if a recess appointment was made. In addition, it provides the mean and median number of days taken to confirm a nomination.<sup>9</sup>

**Table A-2** contains summary information on appointments and nominations by organization. For each of the 34 independent boards and commissions discussed in this report, the appendix provides the number of positions, vacancies, incumbents whose term had expired, nominations, individual nominees, positions to which nominations were made, confirmations, nominations returned to the President, nominations withdrawn, and recess appointments.

A list of organization abbreviations can be found in **Appendix B**.

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<sup>8</sup> The annual pay rates for the Executive Schedule, as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress (2014), were as follows: Level I, \$201,700; Level II, \$181,500; Level III, \$167,000; Level IV, \$157,100; and Level V, \$147,200. U.S. Office of Personnel Management, “Salary Table No. 2014-EX,” available at <http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/14Tables/exec/html/EX.aspx>.

<sup>9</sup> This median is the middle number when the days to confirm data for all the confirmed nominations are arranged in numerical order.

## Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board

The Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board is an independent agency consisting of five members (no political balance is required), including a chair, who serve five-year terms. The President appoints the members, including the chair, with the advice and consent of the Senate. When a term expires, the incumbent must leave office. (42 U.S.C. §7412(r)(6))

**Table 2. Full-Time Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Rafael Moure-Eraso (Chair)	NA	06/23/10	6/24/15	IV
Mark A. Griffon	NA	06/23/10	6/24/15	IV
Manuel H. Ehrlich	NA	12/16/14	12/21/19	IV
Vacant <sup>a</sup>	NA	—	—	IV
Vacant	NA	—	—	IV

**Source:** Created by CRS.

**Notes:** The abbreviation NA means not applicable. As noted above, the membership of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board is not required to be politically balanced. Terms to the board expire five years from the time of appointment.

- a. Richard J. Engler was confirmed at the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress on December 16, 2014, but was not appointed to begin his term as a member until February 5, 2015, in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress. The term to which Engler was confirmed expires on February 4, 2020.

**Table 3. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Richard J. Engler	NA	Member	William E. Wright	01/22/13	Returned 01/03/14 <sup>a</sup>	
Richard J. Engler	NA	Member	William E. Wright	01/06/14	12/16/14	344
Manuel H. Ehrlich	NA	Member	John S. Bresland	01/30/14	12/16/14	320
<b>Mean number of days to confirm a nomination</b>						<b>332.0</b>

**Source:** Created by CRS.

**Notes:** The abbreviation “NA” means not applicable. As noted above, the membership of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board is not required to be politically balanced.

- a. Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which provides that “... if the Senate shall adjourn or take a recess for more than thirty days, all nominations pending and not finally acted upon at the time of taking such adjournment or recess shall be returned by the Secretary to the President, and shall not again be considered unless they shall again be made to the Senate by the President.”

## Commodity Futures Trading Commission

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission consists of five members (no more than three may be from the same political party) who serve five-year terms. At the end of a term, a member may remain in office, unless replaced, until the end of the next session of Congress. The chair is also appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate. (7 U.S.C. §2(a)(2))

**Table 4. Full-Time Commodity Futures Trading Commission Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Timothy G. Massad (Chair)	D	06/03/14	04/13/17	III
Mark P. Wetjen	D	10/21/11	06/19/16	IV
Sharon Y. Bowen	D	06/03/14	04/13/18	IV
J. Christopher Giancarlo	R	06/03/14	04/13/19	IV
Vacant	—	—	04/13/15	IV

Source: Created by CRS.

**Table 5. Commodity Futures Trading Commission Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
J. Christopher Giancarlo	R	Commissioner	Jill E. Sommers	08/01/13	Returned 01/03/14 <sup>a</sup>	
Timothy G. Massad	D	Commissioner	Gary Gensler	11/13/13	Returned 01/03/14 <sup>a</sup>	
Timothy G. Massad	D	Chair	Gary Gensler	11/13/13	Returned 01/03/14 <sup>a</sup>	
Timothy G. Massad	D	Commissioner	Gary Gensler	01/06/14	06/03/14	148
Timothy G. Massad	D	Chair	Gary Gensler	01/06/14	06/03/14	148
J. Christopher Giancarlo	R	Commissioner	Jill E. Sommers	01/06/14	06/03/14	148
Sharon Y. Bowen	D	Commissioner	Bartholomew H. Chilton	01/07/14	06/03/14	147
J. Christopher Giancarlo	R	Commissioner	Reappointment	05/05/14	06/03/14	29
<b>Mean number of days to confirm a nomination</b>						<b>124.0</b>

Source: Created by CRS.

- a. Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

## Consumer Product Safety Commission

The statute establishing the Consumer Product Safety Commission calls for five members who serve seven-year terms. No more than three members may be from the same political party. A

member may remain in office for one year at the end of a term, unless replaced. The chair is also appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate. (15 U.S.C. §2053)

**Table 6. Full-Time Consumer Product Safety Commission Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Elliot F. Kaye (Chair)	D	07/28/14	10/26/20	III
Ann Marie Buerkle	R	06/27/13	10/26/18	IV
Marietta S. Robinson	D	06/27/13	10/26/18	IV
Joseph Mohorovic	R	07/28/14	10/26/19	IV
Robert S. Adler	D	08/07/09	10/26/21	IV

Source: Created by CRS.

**Table 7. Consumer Product Safety Commission Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Marietta S. Robinson	D	Commissioner	Thomas H. Moore	01/24/13	06/27/13	154
Ann Marie Buerkle	R	Commissioner	Ann M. Northrup	05/23/13	06/27/13	35
Joseph P. Mohorovic	R	Commissioner	Nancy N. Nord	11/07/13	Returned 01/03/14 <sup>a</sup>	
Joseph P. Mohorovic	R	Commissioner	Nancy N. Nord	01/06/14	07/28/14	203
Elliot F. Kaye	D	Commissioner	Inez M. Tenenbaum	03/31/14	07/28/14	119
Elliot F. Kaye	D	Chair	Inez M. Tenenbaum	03/31/14	07/28/14	119
Robert S. Adler	D	Commissioner	Reappointment	05/15/14	12/02/14	201
<b>Mean number of days to confirm a nomination</b>						<b>138.5</b>

Source: Created by CRS.

- a. Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

## Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board consists of five members (no more than three may be from the same political party) who serve five-year terms. After a term expires, a member may continue to serve until a successor takes office. The President designates the chair and vice chair. (42 U.S.C. §2286)

**Table 8. Full-Time Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
<i>Peter S. Winokur (Chair)<sup>a</sup></i>	D	09/29/06	10/18/14	III
<i>Jessie H. Roberson (Vice Chair)<sup>a</sup></i>	D	10/29/99 <sup>b</sup>	10/18/13	III
Sean Sullivan	R	08/02/12	10/18/15	III
Daniel J. Santos	D	12/16/14	10/18/17	III
Vacant	—	—	10/18/16	III

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. At the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, the terms of the incumbents shown in italics had expired. They continued to serve under the holdover provision noted above.
- b. Roberson was initially confirmed to the board on October 29, 1999. She served from January 18, 2000, to July 18, 2001. She was confirmed again on March 19, 2010.

**Table 9. Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Kenneth L. Mossman	R	Member	John E. Mansfield	07/31/13	11/14/13	106
Jessie H. Roberson	D	Member	Reappointment	06/05/14	Returned 12/17/14 <sup>a</sup>	
Daniel J. Santos	D	Member	Joseph F. Bader	06/05/14	12/16/14	194
<b>Mean number of days to confirm a nomination</b>						<b>150.0</b>

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

## Election Assistance Commission

The Election Assistance Commission consists of four members (no more than two may be from the same political party) who serve four-year terms. After a term expires, a member may continue to serve until a successor takes office. The chair and vice chair, from different political parties and designated by the commission, change each year. (52 U.S.C. §20923)

**Table 10. Full-Time Election Assistance Commission Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Vacant <sup>a</sup> (Chair)	—	—	12/12/15	IV
Vacant <sup>b</sup> (Vice-Chair)	—	—	12/12/17	IV



Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Vacant <sup>c</sup>	—	—	12/12/17	IV
Vacant	—	—	12/12/15	IV

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. Christy A. McCormick, a Republican, was confirmed at the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress on December 16, 2014, but was not appointed to begin her term as a member until January 13, 2015, in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress. The term to which McCormick was confirmed expires on December 12, 2015.
- b. Thomas Hicks, a Democrat, was confirmed at the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress on December 16, 2014, but was not appointed to begin his term as a member until January 13, 2015, in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress. The term to which Hicks was confirmed expires on December 12, 2017.
- c. Matthew V. Masterson, a Republican, was confirmed at the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress on December 16, 2014, but was not appointed to begin his term as a member until January 13, 2015, in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress. The term to which Masterson was confirmed expires on December 12, 2017.

**Table 11. Election Assistance Commission Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Thomas Hicks	D	Member	Gracia M. Hillman	06/07/13	Returned 01/03/14 <sup>a</sup>	
Thomas Hicks	D	Member	Reappointment	06/07/13	Returned 01/03/14 <sup>a</sup>	
Myrna Perez	D	Member	Rosemary E. Rodriguez	06/07/13	Returned 01/03/14 <sup>a</sup>	
Myrna Perez	D	Member	Rosemary E. Rodriguez	01/06/14	Withdrawn 11/19/14	
Thomas Hicks	D	Member	Gracia M. Hillman	01/06/14	12/16/14	344
Matthew V. Masterson	R	Member	Gineen B. Beach	07/17/14	12/16/14	152
Christy A. McCormick	R	Member	Donetta Davidson	07/17/14	12/16/14	152
Matthew S. Butler	D	Member	Rosemary E. Rodriguez	11/19/14	Returned 12/17/14 <sup>a</sup>	
<b>Mean number of days to confirm a nomination</b>						<b>216.0</b>

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

## Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission consists of five members (no more than three may be from the same political party) who serve five-year terms. An incumbent whose term has expired may continue to serve until a successor is appointed, except that no such member may continue to serve (1) for more than 60 days when Congress is in session, unless a successor has been nominated or (2) after the adjournment of the session of the Senate in which the successor's nomination was submitted. The President designates the chair and the vice chair. The President also appoints the general counsel, with the advice and consent of the Senate. (42 U.S.C. §2000e-4)

**Table 12. Full-Time Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Commissioners				
Jenny R. Yang (Chair)	D	04/25/13	07/01/17	III
Victoria A. Lipnic	R	12/22/10	07/01/15	IV
Constance S. Barker	R	06/27/08	07/01/16	IV
Chai R. Feldblum	D	12/22/10	07/01/18	IV
Vacant <sup>a</sup>	—	—	07/01/19	IV
General Counsel				
P. David Lopez	NA	12/22/10	4 years from appointment	V

**Source:** Created by CRS.

**Notes:** The abbreviation NA means not applicable. The statutory provision establishing the position of general counsel does not include qualifications related to political party affiliation.

- a. Charlotte A. Burrows, a Democrat, was confirmed at the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress on December 3, 2014, but was not appointed to begin her term as a member until January 13, 2015, in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress. The term to which Burrows was confirmed expires on July 1, 2019.

**Table 13. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Jenny R. Yang	D	Member	Stuart Ishimaru	01/22/13	04/25/13	93
Chai R. Feldblum	D	Member	Reappointment	05/23/13	12/12/13	203
P. David Lopez	NA	General Counsel	Reappointment	07/31/14	12/03/14	125
Charlotte A. Burrows	D	Member	Jacqueline A. Berrien	09/15/14	12/03/14	79
<b>Mean number of days to confirm a nomination</b>						<b>125.0</b>

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

## Export-Import Bank Board of Directors

The Export-Import Bank Board of Directors comprises the bank president, who serves as chair; the bank first vice president, who serves as vice chair; and three other members (no more than three of these five may be from the same political party). All five members are appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and serve for terms of up to four years. An incumbent whose term has expired may continue to serve until a successor is qualified, or until six months after the term expires—whichever occurs earlier (12 U.S.C. §635a). The President also appoints an inspector general, with the advice and consent of the Senate. (5 U.S.C. App., Inspector General Act of 1978, §3)

**Table 14. Full-Time Export-Import Bank Board of Directors Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Board of Directors				
Fred P. Hochberg (President/Chair)	D	05/14/09	01/20/17	III
Wanda Felton (Vice President/Vice Chair)	D	05/26/11	01/20/17	IV
Sean R. Mulvaney	R	05/26/11	01/20/15	IV
Patricia M. Loui	D	11/01/11	01/20/15	IV
Vacant	—	—	01/20/13	IV
Inspector General				
Vacant	NA		Indefinite	III + 3% <sup>a</sup>

**Source:** Created by CRS.

**Notes:** The abbreviation NA means not applicable. The statute establishing the position of inspector general provides that appointment shall be made without regard to political party affiliation.

- a. Under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. Appx. §3(e), “The annual rate of basic pay for an inspector general (as defined under section 12(3)) shall be the rate payable for level III of the Executive Schedule under section 5314 of title 5, United States Code, plus 3 percent.”

**Table 15. Export-Import Bank Board of Directors Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Fred P. Hochberg	D	President/Chair	Reappointment	03/21/13	07/17/13	118
Wanda Felton	D	Vice President/Vice Chair	Reappointment	07/09/13	Returned 01/03/14 <sup>a</sup>	
Wanda Felton	D	Vice President/Vice Chair	Reappointment	01/06/14	04/09/14	93
<b>Mean number of days to confirm a nomination</b>						<b>105.5</b>

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

## Farm Credit Administration

The Farm Credit Administration consists of three members (no more than two may be from the same political party) who serve six-year terms. A member may not succeed himself or herself unless he or she was first appointed to complete an unexpired term of three years or less. A member whose term expires may continue to serve until a successor takes office. One member is designated by the President to serve as chair for the duration of the member’s term. (12 U.S.C. §2242)

**Table 16. Full-Time Farm Credit Administration Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
<i>Jill L. Thompson (Chair)<sup>a</sup></i>	D	09/16/10	05/21/14	III
<i>Leland A. Strom<sup>a</sup></i>	R	12/09/06	10/13/12	IV
Kenneth A. Spearman	D	10/08/09	05/21/16	IV

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. As of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, the terms of the incumbents shown in italics had expired. They continued to serve under the holdover provision noted above.

**Table 17. Farm Credit Administration Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Dallas P. Tonsager	D	Member	Jill L. Thompson	09/18/14	Returned 12/17/14 <sup>a</sup>	
Jeffery S. Hall	R	Member	Leland A. Strom	11/12/14	Returned 12/17/14 <sup>a</sup>	

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

## Federal Communications Commission

The Federal Communications Commission consists of five members (no more than three may be from the same political party) who serve five-year terms. When a term expires, a member may continue to serve until the end of the next session of Congress, unless a successor is appointed before that time. The President designates the chair. (47 U.S.C. §154)

**Table 18. Full-Time Federal Communications Commission Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Thomas E. Wheeler (Chair)	D	10/29/13	06/30/18	III
Jessica Rosenworcel	D	05/07/12	06/30/15	IV
Ajit V. Pai	R	05/07/12	06/30/16	IV
Mignon L. Clyburn	D	07/24/09	06/30/17	IV
Michael P. O'Rielly	R	10/29/13	06/30/19	IV

**Source:** Created by CRS.

**Table 19. Federal Communications Commission Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Thomas E. Wheeler	D	Member	Julius Genachowski	05/09/13	Withdrawn	11/07/13
Thomas E. Wheeler	D	Member	Reappointment	05/09/13	10/29/13	173
Michael P. O’Rielly	R	Member	Robert M. McDowell	08/01/13	10/29/13	89
Michael P. O’Rielly	R	Member	Reappointment	11/12/14	12/16/14	34
<b>Mean number of days to confirm a nomination</b>						<b>98.7</b>

Source: Created by CRS.

## Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Board of Directors

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Board of Directors consists of five members, of whom two—the comptroller of the currency and the director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau—are ex officio. The three appointed members serve six-year terms. An appointed member may continue to serve after the expiration of a term until a successor is appointed. Not more than three members of the board may be from the same political party. The President appoints the chair and the vice chair, with the advice and consent of the Senate, from among the appointed members. The chair is appointed for a term of five years (12 U.S.C. §1812). The President also appoints the inspector general, with the advice and consent of the Senate. (5 U.S.C. App., Inspector General Act of 1978, §3)

**Table 20. Full-Time Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Board of Directors Incumbents**

(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Board of Directors				
Martin J. Gruenberg (Chair)	D	07/29/05	12/27/18 <sup>a</sup>	III
Thomas M. Hoenig (Vice Chair)	R	03/29/12	04/16/18	IV
<i>Jeremiah O. Norton<sup>b</sup></i>	R	03/29/12	07/15/13	IV
Inspector General				
Vacant	NA	—	Indefinite	III + 3%

Source: Created by CRS.

**Notes:** The abbreviation NA means not applicable. The statute establishing the position of inspector general provides that appointment shall be made without regard to political party affiliation.

- Gruenberg’s term as a member expires on December 27, 2018. His current term as chair expires on November 16, 2017.
- As of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, the term of the incumbent shown in italics had expired. He continued to serve under the holdover provision noted above.

**Table 21. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Board of Directors Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Jay N. Lerner	NA	Inspector General	Jon T. Rymer	11/12/14	Returned	12/17/14 <sup>a</sup>

**Source:** Created by CRS.

**Notes:** The abbreviation NA means not applicable. The statute establishing the position of inspector general provides that appointment shall be made without regard to political party affiliation.

- a. Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

## Federal Election Commission

The Federal Election Commission consists of six members (no more than three may be from the same political party) who may serve for a single term of six years. When a term expires, a member may continue to serve until a successor takes office. The chair and vice chair, from different political parties and elected by the commission, change each year. Generally, the vice chair succeeds the chair. (52 U.S.C. §30106)

**Table 22. Full-Time Federal Election Commission Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Lee E. Goodman (Chair)	R	09/23/13	04/30/15	IV
Ann M. Ravel (Vice Chair)	D	09/23/13	04/30/17	IV
<i>Ellen L. Weintraub<sup>a</sup></i>	D	03/18/03	04/30/07	IV
<i>Steven T. Walther<sup>a</sup></i>	I	06/24/08	04/30/09	IV
<i>Matthew S. Petersen<sup>a</sup></i>	R	06/24/08	04/30/11	IV
<i>Caroline C. Hunter<sup>a</sup></i>	R	06/24/08	04/30/13	IV

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. As of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, the terms of the incumbents shown in italics had expired. They continued to serve under the holdover provision noted above.

**Table 23. Federal Election Commission Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Ann M. Ravel	D	Member	Cynthia L. Bauerly	06/24/13	09/23/13	91
Lee E. Goodman	R	Member	Donald F. McGahn	06/24/13	09/23/13	91

**Source:** Created by CRS.

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, an independent agency within the Department of Energy, consists of five members (no more than three may be from the same political party) who serve five-year terms. When a term expires, a member may continue to serve until a successor takes office, except that such commissioner may not serve beyond the end of the session of the Congress in which his or her term expires. The President designates the chair. (42 U.S.C. §7171)

**Table 24. Full-Time Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Cheryl A. LaFleur (Chair)	D	06/22/10	06/30/19	III
Philip D. Moeller	R	07/14/06	06/30/15	IV
Anthony T. Clark	R	05/24/12	06/30/16	IV
Norman Bay	D	07/15/14	06/30/18	IV
Vacant <sup>a</sup>	—	—	06/30/17	IV

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. Colette D. Honorable, a Democrat, was confirmed at the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress on December 16, 2014, but was not appointed to begin her term as a member until January 5, 2015, in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress. The term to which Honorable was confirmed expires on June 30, 2017.

**Table 25. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Ronald J. Binz	D	Member	Jon Wellinghoff	06/27/13	Withdrawn	10/28/13
Norman C. Bay	D	Member	Jon Wellinghoff	01/30/14	07/15/14	166
Cheryl A. LaFleur	D	Member	Reappointment	05/05/14	07/15/14	71
Colette D. Honorable	D	Member	John R. Norris	09/08/14	12/16/14	99
<b>Mean number of days to confirm a nomination</b>						<b>112.0</b>

**Source:** Created by CRS.

## Federal Labor Relations Authority

The Federal Labor Relations Authority consists of three members (no more than two may be from the same political party) who serve five-year terms. After the date on which a five-year term expires, a member may continue to serve until the end of the next Congress, unless a successor is appointed before that time. The President designates the chair. The President also appoints the general counsel, with the advice and consent of the Senate. (5 U.S.C. §7104)

**Table 26. Full-Time Federal Labor Relations Authority Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Members				
<i>Carol W. Pope<sup>a</sup> (Chair)</i>	D	10/26/00	07/01/14	IV
Patrick Pizzella	R	10/16/13	07/01/15	V
Ernest DuBester	D	08/07/09	07/29/17	V
General Counsel				
Julia A. Clark	NA	08/07/09	5 years from appointment	V

**Source:** Created by CRS.

**Notes:** The abbreviation NA means not applicable. The statutory provision establishing the position of general counsel does not include qualifications related to political party affiliation.

- a. As of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, the term of the incumbent shown in italics had expired. She continued to serve under the holdover provision noted above.

**Table 27. Federal Labor Relations Authority Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Carol W. Pope	D	Member	Reappointment	01/22/13	10/16/13	267
Ernest W. Dubester	D	Member	Reappointment	03/07/13	10/16/13	223
Patrick Pizzella	R	Member	Thomas M. Beck	08/01/13	10/16/13	76
Julia A. Clark	NA	General Counsel	Reappointment	02/12/14	07/23/14	161
<b>Mean number of days to confirm a nomination</b>						<b>181.8</b>

**Source:** Created by CRS.

**Notes:** The abbreviation NA means not applicable. The statutory provision establishing the position of general counsel does not include qualifications related to political party affiliation.

## Federal Maritime Commission

The Federal Maritime Commission consists of five members (no more than three may be from the same political party) who serve five-year terms. When a term expires, a member may continue to serve until a successor takes office. The President designates the chair. (46 U.S.C. §301)

**Table 28. Full-Time Federal Maritime Commission Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
<i>Mario Cordero (Chair)<sup>a</sup></i>	D	04/14/11	06/30/14	III



Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
<i>Richard A. Lidinsky, Jr.</i> <sup>a</sup>	D	07/24/09	06/30/12	IV
<i>William P. Doyle</i> <sup>a</sup>	D	01/01/13	06/30/13	IV
Rebecca F. Dye	R	11/14/02	06/30/15	IV
Michael A. Khouri	R	12/24/09	06/30/16	IV

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. As of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, the terms of the incumbents shown in italics had expired. They continued to serve under the holdover provision noted above.

**Table 29. Federal Maritime Commission Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
William P. Doyle	D	Commissioner	Reappointment	01/30/14	Returned 12/17/14 <sup>a</sup>	
Mario Cordero	D	Commissioner	Reappointment	09/18/14	Returned 12/17/14 <sup>a</sup>	

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

## Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission

The Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission consists of five members (no political balance is required) who serve six-year terms. When a term expires, the member must leave office. The President designates the chair. (30 U.S.C. §823)

**Table 30. Full-Time Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission Membership**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Vacant (Chair)	NA	—	08/30/14	III
Patrick K. Nakamura (Acting Chair)	NA	03/19/10	08/30/16	IV
Robert F. Cohen, Jr.	NA	03/13/08	08/30/18	IV
William I. Althen	NA	08/01/13	08/30/18	IV
Vacant	NA	—	08/30/14	IV

**Source:** Created by CRS.

**Notes:** The abbreviation NA means not applicable. As noted above, the membership of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission is not required to be politically balanced.

**Table 31. Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Robert F. Cohen Jr.	NA	Member	Reappointment	01/22/13	08/01/13	191
William I. Althen	NA	Member	Michael F. Duffy	05/23/13	08/01/13	70
Mary L. Jordan	NA	Member	Reappointment	07/31/14	Returned 12/17/14 <sup>a</sup>	
Michael G. Young	NA	Member	Reappointment	09/10/14	Returned 12/17/14 <sup>a</sup>	
<b>Mean number of days to confirm a nomination</b>						<b>130.5</b>

**Source:** Created by CRS.

**Notes:** The abbreviation NA means not applicable. As noted above, the membership of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission is not required to be politically balanced.

- a. Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

## Federal Reserve System Board of Governors

The Federal Reserve System Board of Governors consists of 7 members (no political balance is required) who serve 14-year terms. When a term expires, a member may continue to serve until a successor takes office. The President appoints the chair and vice chair, who are separately appointed as members, for 4-year terms, with the advice and consent of the Senate. (12 U.S.C. §§241-242)

**Table 32. Full-Time Federal Reserve System Board of Governors Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Janet L. Yellen (Chair)	NA	09/29/10	01/31/24 <sup>a</sup>	I
Stanley Fischer (Vice Chair)	NA	05/21/14	01/31/20 <sup>a</sup>	II
Daniel K. Tarullo	NA	01/27/09	01/31/22	II
Lael Brainard	NA	06/12/14	01/31/26	II
Jerome H. Powell	NA	05/17/12	01/31/28	II
Vacant	NA	—	01/31/16	II
Vacant	NA	—	01/31/18	II

**Source:** Created by CRS.

**Notes:** The abbreviation NA means not applicable. As noted above, the membership of the Federal Reserve System Board of Governors is not required to be politically balanced.

- a. Yellen’s term as a member expires on January 31, 2024. Her current term as chair expires on February 3, 2018. Fischer’s term as a member expires on January 31, 2020. His current term as vice chair expires on June 12, 2018.

**Table 33. Federal Reserve System Board of Governors Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Janet L. Yellen	NA	Chair	Ben S. Bernanke	10/09/13	01/06/14	89
Stanley Fischer	NA	Vice Chair	Janet L. Yellen	01/13/14	06/12/14	150
Stanley Fischer	NA	Member	Ben S. Bernanke	01/13/14	05/21/14	128
Lael Brainard	NA	Member	Elizabeth A. Duke	01/13/14	06/12/14	150
Jerome H. Powell	NA	Member	Reappointment	01/16/14	06/12/14	147
<b>Mean number of days to confirm a nomination</b>						<b>132.8</b>

**Source:** Created by CRS.

**Notes:** The abbreviation NA means not applicable. As noted above, the membership of the Federal Reserve System Board of Governors is not required to be politically balanced.

## Federal Trade Commission

The Federal Trade Commission consists of five members (no more than three may be from the same political party) who serve seven-year terms. When a term expires, the member may continue to serve until a successor takes office. The President designates the chair. (15 U.S.C. §41)

**Table 34. Full-Time Federal Trade Commission Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Edith Ramirez (Chair)	D	03/03/10	09/25/15	III
Julie S. Brill	D	03/03/10	09/25/16	IV
Terrell McSweeney	D	04/09/14	09/25/17	IV
Maureen K. Ohlhausen	R	03/29/12	09/25/18	IV
Joshua D. Wright	R	01/01/13	09/25/19	IV

**Source:** Created by CRS.

**Table 35. Federal Trade Commission Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Terrell McSweeney	D	Commissioner	Jon D. Leibowitz	06/24/13	Returned 01/03/14 <sup>a</sup>	
Terrell McSweeney	D	Commissioner	Jon D. Leibowitz	01/06/14	04/09/14	93

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

## Financial Stability Oversight Council

The Financial Stability Oversight Council consists of 10 voting members and 5 nonvoting members, and is chaired by the Secretary of the Treasury. Of the 10 voting members, 9 serve ex officio, by virtue of their positions as leaders of other agencies. The remaining voting member is appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate and serves full time for a term of six years. Of the five nonvoting members, two serve ex officio. The remaining three nonvoting members are designated through a process determined by the constituencies they represent, and they serve for terms of two years. The council is not required to have a balance of political party representation. (12 U.S.C. §5321)

**Table 36. Full-Time Financial Stability Oversight Council Incumbents**

(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
S. Roy Woodall Jr.	NA	09/26/11	09/26/17	III

**Source:** Created by CRS.

**Notes:** The abbreviation NA means not applicable. As noted above, the membership of the Financial Stability Oversight Council is not required to be politically balanced.

**Table 37. Financial Stability Oversight Council Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
No appointment action during the 113 <sup>th</sup> Congress						

**Source:** Created by CRS.

## Foreign Claims Settlement Commission

The Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, located in the Department of Justice, consists of three members (political balance is not required) who serve three-year terms. When a term expires, the member may continue to serve until a successor takes office. Only the chair, who is appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, serves full time. (22 U.S.C. §§1622, 1622c)

**Table 38. Full-Time Foreign Claims Settlement Commission Incumbents**

(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Vacant (Chair)	NA	—	09/30/15	V

**Source:** Created by CRS.

**Note:** The abbreviation NA means not applicable. As noted above, the membership of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission is not required to be politically balanced.

**Table 39. Foreign Claims Settlement Commission Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
No appointment action during the 113 <sup>th</sup> Congress						

Source: Created by CRS.

## Merit Systems Protection Board

The Merit Systems Protection Board consists of three members (no more than two may be from the same political party) who serve seven-year terms. A member who has been appointed to a full seven-year term may not be reappointed to any following term. When a term expires, the member may continue to serve for one year, unless a successor is appointed before that time. The President appoints the chair, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and designates the vice chair. (5 U.S.C. §§1201-1203)

**Table 40. Full-Time Merit Systems Protection Board Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Susan T. Grundmann (Chair)	D	11/05/09	03/01/16	III
<i>Anne M. Wagner (Vice Chair)<sup>a</sup></i>	D	11/05/09	03/01/14	IV
Mark A. Robbins	R	04/26/12	03/01/18	IV

Source: Created by CRS.

- a. As of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, the term of the incumbent shown in italics had expired. She continued to serve under the holdover provision noted above.

**Table 41. Merit Systems Protection Board Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
No appointment action during the 113 <sup>th</sup> Congress						

Source: Created by CRS.

## National Credit Union Administration Board of Directors

The National Credit Union Administration Board of Directors consists of three members (no more than two members may be from the same political party) who serve six-year terms. When a term expires, a member may continue to serve until a successor takes office. The President designates the chair. (12 U.S.C. §1752a)

**Table 42. Full-Time National Credit Union Administration Board of Directors Incumbents**

(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Deborah Matz (Chair)	D	03/22/02 <sup>a</sup>	04/10/15	III
Richard T. Metsger (Vice Chair)	D	08/01/13	08/02/17	IV
J. Mark McWatters	R	06/19/14	08/02/19	IV

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. Matz previously served as a member on the board with a term expiring on August 2, 2005. She was confirmed to her current term on August 7, 2009.

**Table 43. National Credit Union Administration Board of Directors Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Richard T. Metsger	D	Member	Gigi Hyland	05/16/13	08/01/13	77
J. Mark McWatters	R	Member	Michael E. Fryzel	01/07/14	06/19/14	163
<b>Mean number of days to confirm a nomination</b>						<b>120.0</b>

**Source:** Created by CRS.

## National Labor Relations Board

The National Labor Relations Board consists of five members who serve five-year terms. Political balance is not required, but, by tradition, no more than three members are from the same political party. When a term expires, the member must leave office. The President designates the chair. The President also appoints the general counsel, with the advice and consent of the Senate. (29 U.S.C. §153)

**Table 44. Full-Time National Labor Relations Board Incumbents**

(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Board				
Mark G. Pearce (Chair)	D	06/22/10	08/27/18	III
Harry I. Johnson, III	R	07/30/13	08/27/15	IV
Kent Y. Hirozawa	D	07/30/13	08/27/16	IV
Philip A. Miscimarra	R	07/30/13	12/16/17	IV
Lauren M. McFerran	D	12/08/14	12/16/19	IV

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
General Counsel				
Richard F. Griffin, Jr.	NA	10/29/13	4 years from appointment	IV

**Source:** Created by CRS.

**Notes:** The abbreviation NA means not applicable. The statutory provision establishing the position of general counsel does not include qualifications related to political party affiliation.

**Table 45. National Labor Relations Board Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Richard F. Griffin, Jr.	D	Member	Wilma B. Liebman	02/13/13	Withdrawn 07/16/13	
Sharon Block	D	Member	Craig Becker	02/13/13	Withdrawn 07/16/13	
Harry I. Johnson III	R	Member	Terence F. Flynn	04/09/13	07/30/13	112
Philip A. Miscimarra	R	Member	Brian Hayes	04/09/13	07/30/13	112
Mark G. Pearce	D	Member	Reappointment	04/09/13	07/30/13	112
Lafe E. Solomon	NA	General Counsel	Ronald E. Meisburg	05/23/13	Withdrawn 08/01/13	
Kent Y. Hirozawa	D	Member	Richard F. Griffin, Jr.	07/16/13	07/30/13	14
Nancy J. Schiffer	D	Member	Sharon Block	07/16/13	07/30/13	14
Richard F. Griffin, Jr.	NA	General Counsel	Ronald E. Meisburg	08/01/13	10/29/13	89
Sharon Block	D	Member	Nancy J. Schiffer	07/14/14	Withdrawn 11/12/14	
Lauren M. McFerran	D	Member	Nancy J. Schiffer	11/12/14	12/08/14	26
<b>Mean number of days to confirm a nomination</b>						<b>68.4</b>

**Source:** Created by CRS.

**Notes:** The abbreviation NA means not applicable. The statutory provision establishing the position of general counsel does not include qualifications related to political party affiliation.

## National Mediation Board

The National Mediation Board consists of three members (no more than two may be from the same political party) who serve three-year terms. When a term expires, the member may continue to serve until a successor takes office. The board annually designates a chair. (45 U.S.C. §154)

**Table 46. Full-Time National Mediation Board Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Harry R. Hoglander <sup>a</sup> (Chair)	D	08/01/02	07/01/14	III
Linda A. Puchala	D	05/21/09	07/01/15	IV

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Nicholas C. Geale	R	08/01/13	07/01/16	IV

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. As of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, the term of the incumbent shown in italics had expired. He continued to serve under the holdover provision noted above.

**Table 47. National Mediation Board Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Nicholas C. Geale	R	Member	Elizabeth Dougherty	01/24/13	Returned 01/03/14 <sup>a</sup>	
Harry R. Hoglander	D	Member	Reappointment	04/11/13	08/01/13	112
Linda A. Puchala	D	Member	Reappointment	04/11/13	08/01/13	112
Nicholas C. Geale	R	Member	Reappointment	07/30/13	08/01/13	2
<b>Mean number of days to confirm a nomination</b>						<b>75.3</b>

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

## National Transportation Safety Board

The National Transportation Safety Board consists of five members (no more than three may be from the same political party) who serve five-year terms. When a term expires, a member may continue to serve until a successor takes office. The President appoints the chair from among the members for a two-year term, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and designates the vice chair. (49 U.S.C. §1111)

**Table 48. Full-Time National Transportation Safety Board Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Vacant (Chair)	—	—	12/31/18	III
Christopher A. Hart (Vice Chair)	D	08/04/90 <sup>a</sup>	12/31/17	IV
Earl F. Weener	R	06/22/10	12/31/15	IV
Robert L. Sumwalt III	R	08/03/06	12/31/16	IV
Vacant	—	—	12/31/14	IV

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. Hart was initially confirmed as a board member on August 4, 1990. He served on the National Transportation Safety Board until 1993. During the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress, he was nominated to be a member on June 25, 2009, and confirmed on August 7, 2009. He was confirmed to a succeeding term during the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress as shown below.



**Table 49. National Transportation Safety Board Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Christopher A. Hart	D	Member	Reappointment	08/01/13	10/16/13	76
Deborah A. P. Hersman	D	Chair	Reappointment	08/01/13	10/16/13	76
Deborah A. P. Hersman	D	Member	Reappointment	08/01/13	10/16/13	76
Christopher A. Hart	D	Chair	Deborah A. P. Hersman	06/26/14	Returned 12/17/14 <sup>a</sup>	
Tho Dinh-Zarr	D	Member	Deborah A. P. Hersman	09/18/14	Returned 12/17/14 <sup>a</sup>	

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

## Nuclear Regulatory Commission

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission consists of five members (no more than three may be from the same political party) who serve five-year terms. When a term expires, the member must leave office. The President designates the chair. The President also appoints the inspector general, with the advice and consent of the Senate. (42 U.S.C. §5841 and 5 U.S.C. App., Inspector General Act of 1978, §3)

**Table 50. Full-Time Nuclear Regulatory Commission Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Commissioners				
Allison M. Macfarlane (Chair) <sup>a</sup>	D	06/29/12	06/30/18	II
Kristine L. Svinicki <sup>b</sup>	R	03/13/08	06/30/14	III
Jeffery M. Baran <sup>a</sup>	D	09/16/14	06/30/15	III
William C. Ostendorff	R	03/13/08	06/30/17	III
Stephen G. Burns	D	09/16/14	06/30/19	III
Inspector General				
Hubert T. Bell	NA	06/11/96	Indefinite	III + 3%

**Source:** Created by CRS.

**Notes:** The abbreviation NA means not applicable. The statute establishing the position of inspector general provides that appointment shall be made without regard to political party affiliation.

- a. On October 21, 2014, Macfarlane announced that she would resign her position at the end of the year. Jeffery M. Baran was nominated and confirmed to fill the remainder of Macfarlane's term expiring on June 30, 2018, but was not eligible to fill the seat until Macfarlane's departure. As of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, Macfarlane was still serving on the commission and Baran was serving a term set to expire on June 30, 2015, as reflected above.

- b. As of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, the term of the incumbent shown in italics had expired. She continued to serve under the holdover provision noted above.

**Table 51. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Allison M. Macfarlane	D	Member	Reappointment	03/21/13	06/27/13	98
Jeffery M. Baran	D	Member	William D. Magwood IV	07/23/14	09/16/14	55
Stephen G. Burns	D	Member	George Apostolakis	07/23/14	09/16/14	55
Jeffery M. Baran	D	Member	Allison M. Macfarlane	11/13/14	12/08/14	25
<b>Mean number of days to confirm a nomination</b>						<b>58.3</b>

Source: Created by CRS.

## Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission

The Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission consists of three members (political balance is not required) who serve six-year terms. When a term expires, the member must leave office. The President designates the chair. (29 U.S.C. §661)

**Table 52. Full-Time Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission Incumbents**

(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Thomasina Rogers (Chair)	NA	10/21/98	04/27/15	III
Heather L. MacDougall	NA	03/12/14	04/27/17	IV
Cynthia L. Attwood	NA	02/11/10	04/27/19	IV

Source: Created by CRS.

Notes: The abbreviation NA means not applicable. As noted above, the membership of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission is not required to be politically balanced.

**Table 53. Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Cynthia L. Attwood	NA	Member	Reappointment	03/21/13	08/01/13	133
Heather L. MacDougall	NA	Member	Horace A. Thompson	11/21/13	Returned 01/03/14 <sup>a</sup>	

Heather L. MacDougall	NA	Member	Horace A. Thompson	01/06/14	03/12/14	65
<b>Mean number of days to confirm a nomination</b>						<b>99.0</b>

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

## Postal Regulatory Commission

The Postal Regulatory Commission consists of five members (no more than three may be from the same political party) who serve six-year terms. After a term expires, a member may continue to serve until his or her successor takes office, but the member may not continue to serve for more than one year after the date upon which his or her term otherwise would expire. The President designates the chair, and the members select the vice chair. (39 U.S.C. §502)

**Table 54. Full-Time Postal Regulatory Commission Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Robert G. Taub (Acting Chair)	R	09/26/11	10/14/16	III
Tony Hammond (Vice Chair)	R	11/12/02	10/14/18	IV
<i>Ruth Y. Goldway<sup>a</sup></i>	D	04/02/98	11/22/14	IV
Mark Acton	R	08/03/06	10/14/16	IV
Nanci E. Langley	D	06/04/08	11/22/18	IV

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. As of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, the term of the incumbent shown in italics had expired. She continued to serve under the holdover provision noted above.

**Table 55. Postal Regulatory Commission Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Nancy E. Langley	D	Commissioner	Reappointment	04/25/13	Returned 01/03/14 <sup>a</sup>	
Tony Hammond	R	Commissioner	Reappointment	07/25/13	Returned 01/03/14 <sup>a</sup>	
Tony Hammond	R	Commissioner	Reappointment	01/06/14	12/09/14	337
Nancy E. Langley	D	Commissioner	Reappointment	01/06/14	12/09/14	337

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

## Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board

The Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board consists of five members (no more than three may be from the same political party) who serve six-year terms. When a term expires, the member may continue to serve until a successor takes office. Only the chair, who is appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, serves full time. (42 U.S.C. §2000ee)

The Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, P.L. 110-53, Title VIII, Section 801 (121 Stat. 352) established the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board. Previously, the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board functioned as part of the White House Office in the Executive Office of the President. That board ceased functioning on January 30, 2008.

**Table 56. Full-Time Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
David Medine (Chair)	D	05/07/13	01/29/18	III

Source: Created by CRS.

**Table 57. Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
David Medine	D	Chair	New position	01/22/13	05/07/13	105

Source: Created by CRS.

## Railroad Retirement Board

The Railroad Retirement Board consists of three members (political balance is not required) who serve five-year terms. When a term expires, the member may continue to serve until a successor takes office. The President appoints the chair and an inspector general with the advice and consent of the Senate. (45 U.S.C. §231f and 5 U.S.C. App., Inspector General Act of 1978, §§3, 12)

**Table 58. Full-Time Railroad Retirement Board Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Board				
<i>Michael S. Schwartz</i> <sup>a</sup> (Chair; Member-at-Large)	NA	05/23/03	08/28/12	III
<i>Walter A. Barrows</i> <sup>a</sup> (Labor Member)	NA	09/26/11	08/28/14	IV

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Steven J. Anthony (Management Member)	NA	01/06/14	08/28/18	IV
Inspector General				
Martin J. Dickman	NA	10/08/94	Indefinite	III + 3%

**Source:** Created by CRS.

**Notes:** The abbreviation NA means not applicable. As noted above, the membership of the Railroad Retirement Board is not required to be politically balanced. The statute establishing the position of inspector general provides that appointment shall be made without regard to political party affiliation.

- a. As of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, the terms of the incumbents shown in italics had expired. They continued to serve in their respective positions under the holdover provision noted above.

**Table 59. Railroad Retirement Board Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Steven J. Anthony	NA	Member	Jerome F. Kever	09/25/13	Returned 01/03/14 <sup>a</sup>	
Steven J. Anthony	NA	Member	Jerome F. Kever	01/06/14	04/09/14	93
Walter A. Barrows	NA	Member	Reappointment	11/12/14	Returned 12/17/14 <sup>a</sup>	

**Source:** Created by CRS.

**Notes:** The abbreviation NA means not applicable. As noted above, the membership of the Railroad Retirement Board is not required to be politically balanced.

- a. Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

## Securities and Exchange Commission

The Securities and Exchange Commission consists of five members (no more than three may be from the same political party) who serve five-year terms. When a term expires, the member may continue to serve until the end of the next session of Congress, unless a successor is appointed before that time. The President designates the chair. (15 U.S.C. §78d)

**Table 60. Full-Time Securities and Exchange Commission Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Mary Jo White (Chair)	I	04/08/13	06/05/19	III
Luis A. Aguilar	D	06/27/08	06/05/15	IV
Daniel M. Gallagher Jr.	R	10/21/11	06/05/16	IV
Kara M. Stein	D	08/01/13	06/05/17	IV
Michael S. Piwowar	R	08/01/13	06/05/18	IV

**Source:** Created by CRS.

**Table 61. Securities and Exchange Commission Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Mary Jo White	I	Member	Mary L. Schapiro	02/07/13	04/08/13	60
Mary Jo White	I	Member	Reappointment	02/07/13	08/01/13	175
Kara M. Stein	D	Member	Elisse B. Walter	05/23/13	08/01/13	70
Michael S. Piwowar	R	Member	Troy A. Paredes	05/23/13	08/01/13	70
<b>Mean number of days to confirm a nomination</b>						<b>93.8</b>

Source: Created by CRS.

## Surface Transportation Board

The Surface Transportation Board, located within the Department of Transportation, consists of three members (no more than two may be from the same political party) who serve five-year terms. When a term expires, the member may continue to serve until a successor takes office but for not more than one year after expiration. The President designates the chair. (49 U.S.C. §701)

**Table 62. Full-Time Surface Transportation Board Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
<i>Daniel R. Elliott III<sup>a</sup> (Chair)</i>	D	08/07/09	12/31/13	III
Debra L. Miller (Vice Chair)	D	04/09/14	12/31/17	IV
Ann D. Begeman	R	04/14/11	12/31/15	IV

Source: Created by CRS.

- a. As of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, the term of the incumbent shown in italics had expired. He continued to serve under the holdover provision noted above.

**Table 63. Surface Transportation Board Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Debra L. Miller	D	Member	Francis Mulvey	09/25/13	Returned 01/03/14 <sup>a</sup>	
Debra L. Miller	D	Member	Francis Mulvey	01/06/14	04/09/14	93
Daniel R. Elliott III	D	Member	Reappointment	11/12/14	Returned 12/17/14 <sup>a</sup>	

Source: Created by CRS.

- a. Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

## United States International Trade Commission

The United States International Trade Commission consists of six members (no more than three may be from the same political party) who serve nine-year terms. A member of the commission who has served for more than five years is ineligible for reappointment. When a term expires, a member may continue to serve until a successor takes office. The President designates the chair and vice chair for two-year terms of office, but they may not belong to the same political party. The President may not designate a chair with less than one year of continuous service as a member. This restriction does not apply to the vice chair. (19 U.S.C. §1330)

**Table 64. Full-Time United States International Trade Commission Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Meredith Broadbent (Chair)	R	08/02/12	06/16/17	III
Dean A. Pinkert (Vice Chair)	D	02/01/07	12/16/15	IV
<i>Irving A. Williamson<sup>a</sup></i>	D	02/01/07	06/16/14	IV
David S. Johanson	R	10/31/11	12/16/18	IV
F. Scott Kieff	R	08/01/13	06/16/20	IV
Rhonda K. Schmidlein	D	03/06/14	12/16/21	IV

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. At the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, the term of the incumbent shown in italics had expired. He continued to serve under the holdover provision noted above.

**Table 65. United States International Trade Commission Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
F. Scott Kieff	R	Member	Daniel R. Pearson	02/04/13	08/01/13	178
Rhonda K. Schmidlein	D	Member	Shara L. Aranoff	07/15/13	Returned 01/03/14 <sup>a</sup>	
Rhonda K. Schmidlein	D	Member	Shara L. Aranoff	01/06/14	03/06/14	59
<b>Mean number of days to confirm a nomination</b>						<b>118.5</b>

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

## United States Parole Commission

The United States Parole Commission is an independent agency in the Department of Justice. The commission consists of five commissioners (political balance is not required) who serve for six-year terms. When a term expires, a member may continue to serve until a successor takes office. In most cases, a commissioner may serve no more than 12 years. The President designates the

chair (18 U.S.C. §4202). The commission was previously scheduled to be phased out, but Congress has extended its life several times. Under P.L. 113-47, Section 2 (127 Stat. 572), it was extended until November 1, 2018. (18 U.S.C. §3551 note)

**Table 66. Full-Time United States Parole Commission Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
<i>Isaac Fulwood Jr.</i> <sup>a</sup> (Chair)	NA	11/21/04	12/11/10	IV
<i>Cranston J. Mitchell</i> <sup>a</sup> (Vice Chair)	NA	03/06/03	08/07/13	V
<i>Patricia K. Cushwa</i> <sup>a</sup>	NA	11/21/04	12/11/10	V
J. Patricia Wilson Smoot	NA	09/16/10	11/01/16	V
Charles T. Massarone	NA	05/24/12	08/16/18	V

**Source:** Created by CRS.

**Notes:** The abbreviation NA means not applicable. As noted above, the membership of the United States Parole Commission is not required to be politically balanced.

- a. At the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, the terms of the incumbents shown in italics had expired. They continued to serve under the holdover provision above.

**Table 67. United States Parole Commission Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
<b>No appointment action during the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress</b>						

**Source:** Created by CRS.

**Notes:** The abbreviation NA means not applicable. As noted above, the membership of the United States Parole Commission is not required to be politically balanced.

## United States Sentencing Commission

The United States Sentencing Commission is a judicial branch agency that consists of seven voting members who are appointed to six-year terms and two nonvoting members. The seven voting members are appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate. Only the chair and three vice chairs, selected from among the members, serve full time. The President appoints the chair, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and designates the vice chairs. At least three members must be federal judges. No more than four members may be of the same political party. No more than two vice chairs may be of the same political party. No voting member may serve more than two full terms. When a term expires, an incumbent may continue to serve until he or she is reappointed, a successor takes office, or Congress adjourns sine die at the end of the session that commences after the expiration of the term, whichever is earliest. The Attorney General (or designee) serves ex officio as a nonvoting member (28 U.S.C. §§991-992). The chair of the United State Parole Commission also is an ex officio nonvoting member of the commission. (18 U.S.C. §3551 note)



**Table 68. Full-Time United States Sentencing Commission Incumbents**  
(as of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Patti B. Saris (Chair)	a	12/22/10	10/31/15	Same as rate for federal appeals court judges
Charles R. Breyer (Vice Chair)	a	06/06/13	10/31/15	
Vacant (Vice Chair)	—	—	10/31/13	
Vacant (Vice Chair)	—	—	10/31/17	

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. Party balance is statutorily required, as discussed above, but the commission staff did not release this information.

**Table 69. United States Sentencing Commission Appointment Action During the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Charles R. Breyer	a	Member (Vice Chair)	Ruben Castillo	04/15/13	06/06/13	52

**Source:** Created by CRS.

- a. Party balance is statutorily required, as discussed above, but the commission staff does not release this information.

## Appendix A. Summary of All Nominations and Appointments to Collegial Boards and Commissions

**Table A-1. Nominations and Appointments to Full-Time Positions on Regulatory and Other Collegial Boards and Commissions, 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Board/ Commission<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Date Nominated</b>	<b>Date Confirmed</b>	<b>Days to Confirm</b>
Robert S. Adler	CPSC	05/15/14	12/02/14	201
William I. Althen	FMSHRC	05/23/13	08/01/13	70
Steven J. Anthony	RRB	09/25/13	Returned 01/03/14	
Steven J. Anthony	RRB	01/06/14	04/09/14	93
Cynthia L. Attwood	OSHRC	03/21/13	08/01/13	133
Jeffery M. Baran	NRC	07/23/14	09/16/14	55
Jeffery M. Baran	NRC	11/13/14	12/08/14	25
Walter A. Barrows	RRB	11/12/14	Returned 12/17/14	
Norman C. Bay	FEC	01/30/14	07/15/14	166
Ronald J. Binz	FEC	06/27/13	Withdrawn 10/28/13	
Sharon Block	NLRB	02/13/13	Withdrawn 07/16/13	
Sharon Block	NLRB	07/14/14	Withdrawn 11/12/14	
Sharon Y. Bowen	CFTC	01/07/14	06/03/14	147
Lael Brainard	FRS	01/13/14	06/12/14	150
Charles R. Breyer (Vice Chair)	USSC	04/15/13	06/06/13	52
Ann Marie Buerkle	CPSC	05/23/13	06/27/13	35
Stephen G. Burns	NRC	07/23/14	09/16/14	55
Charlotte A. Burrows	EEOC	09/15/14	12/03/14	79
Matthew S. Butler	EAC	11/19/14	Returned 12/17/14	
Julia A. Clark (General Counsel)	FLRA	02/12/14	07/23/14	161
Robert F. Cohen Jr.	FMSHRC	01/22/13	08/01/13	191
Mario Cordero	FMC	09/18/14	Returned 12/17/14	
Tho Dinh-Zarr	NTSB	09/18/14	Returned 12/17/14	
William P. Doyle	FMC	01/30/14	Returned 12/17/14	
Ernest W. Dubester	FLRA	03/07/13	10/16/13	223
Manuel H. Ehrlich	CSB	01/30/14	12/16/14	320
Daniel R. Elliott III	STB	11/12/14	Returned 12/17/14	
Richard J. Engler	CSB	01/22/13	Returned 01/03/14	
Richard J. Engler	CSB	01/06/14	12/16/14	344

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Board/ Commission<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Date Nominated</b>	<b>Date Confirmed</b>	<b>Days to Confirm</b>
Chai R. Feldblum	EEOC	05/23/13	12/12/13	203
Wanda Felton (Vice President/Vice Chair)	EXIMBANK	07/09/13	Returned 01/03/14	
Wanda Felton (Vice President/Vice Chair)	EXIMBANK	01/06/14	04/09/14	93
Stanley Fischer (Vice Chair)	FRS	01/13/14	06/12/14	150
Stanley Fischer	FRS	01/13/14	05/21/14	128
Nicholas C. Geale	NMB	01/24/13	Returned 01/03/14	
Nicholas C. Geale	NMB	07/30/13	08/01/13	2
J. Christopher Giancarlo	CFTC	08/01/13	Returned 01/03/14	
J. Christopher Giancarlo	CFTC	01/06/14	06/03/14	148
J. Christopher Giancarlo	CFTC	05/05/14	06/03/14	29
Lee E. Goodman	FEC	06/24/13	09/23/13	91
Richard F. Griffin, Jr.	NLRB	02/13/13	Withdrawn 07/16/13	
Richard F. Griffin, Jr. (General Counsel)	NLRB	08/01/13	10/29/13	89
Jeffery S. Hall	FCA	11/12/14	Returned 12/17/14	
Tony Hammond	PRC	07/25/13	Returned 01/03/14	
Tony Hammond	PRC	01/06/14	12/09/14	337
Christopher A. Hart	NTSB	08/01/13	10/16/13	76
Christopher A. Hart (Chair)	NTSB	06/26/14	Returned 12/17/14	
Deborah A. P. Hersman (Chair)	NTSB	08/01/13	10/16/13	76
Deborah A. P. Hersman	NTSB	08/01/13	10/16/13	76
Thomas Hicks	EAC	06/07/13	Returned 01/03/14	
Thomas Hicks	EAC	06/07/13	Returned 01/03/14	
Thomas Hicks	EAC	01/06/14	12/16/14	344
Kent Y. Hirozawa	NLRB	07/16/13	07/30/13	14
Fred P. Hochberg (President/Chair)	EXIMBANK	03/21/13	07/17/13	118
Harry R. Hoglander	NMB	04/11/13	08/01/13	112
Colette D. Honorable	FEC	09/08/14	12/16/14	99
Harry I. Johnson III	NLRB	04/09/13	07/30/13	112
Mary L. Jordan	FMSHRC	07/31/14	Returned 12/17/14	
Elliot F. Kaye	CPSC	03/31/14	07/28/14	119
Elliot F. Kaye (Chair)	CPSC	03/31/14	07/28/14	119
F. Scott Kieff	USITC	02/04/13	08/01/13	178
Cheryl A. LaFleur	FEC	05/05/14	07/15/14	71
Nancy E. Langley	PRC	04/25/13	Returned 01/03/14	
Nancy E. Langley	PRC	01/06/14	12/09/14	337
Jay N. Lerner (Inspector General)	FDIC	11/12/14	Returned 12/17/14	

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Board/ Commission<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Date Nominated</b>	<b>Date Confirmed</b>	<b>Days to Confirm</b>
P. David Lopez (General Counsel)	EEOC	07/31/14	12/03/14	125
Heather L. MacDougall	OSHRC	11/21/13	Returned 01/03/14	
Heather L. MacDougall	OSHRC	01/06/14	03/12/14	65
Allison M. Macfarlane	NRC	03/21/13	06/27/13	98
Timothy G. Massad	CFTC	11/13/13	Returned 01/03/14	
Timothy G. Massad (Chair)	CFTC	11/13/13	Returned 01/03/14	
Timothy G. Massad	CFTC	01/06/14	06/03/14	148
Timothy G. Massad (Chair)	CFTC	01/06/14	06/03/14	148
Matthew V. Masterson	EAC	07/17/14	12/16/14	152
Christy A. McCormick	EAC	07/17/14	12/16/14	152
Lauren M. McFerran	NLRB	11/12/14	12/08/14	26
Terrell McSweeney	FTC	06/24/13	Returned 01/03/14	
Terrell McSweeney	FTC	01/06/14	04/09/14	93
J. Mark McWatters	NCUA	01/07/14	06/19/14	163
David Medine (Chair)	PCLOB	01/22/13	05/07/13	105
Richard T. Metsger	NCUA	05/16/13	08/01/13	77
Debra L. Miller	STB	09/25/13	Returned 01/03/14	
Debra L. Miller	STB	01/06/14	04/09/14	93
Philip A. Miscimarra	NLRB	04/09/13	07/30/13	112
Joseph P. Mohorovic	CPSC	11/07/13	Returned 01/03/14	
Joseph P. Mohorovic	CPSC	01/06/14	07/28/14	203
Kenneth L. Mossman	DNFSB	07/31/13	11/14/13	106
Michael P. O’Rielly	FCC	08/01/13	10/29/13	89
Michael P. O’Rielly	FCC	11/12/14	12/16/14	34
Mark G. Pearce	NLRB	04/09/13	07/30/13	112
Myrna Perez	EAC	06/07/13	Returned 01/03/14	
Myrna Perez	EAC	01/06/14	Withdrawn 11/19/14	
Michael S. Piwowar	SEC	05/23/13	08/01/13	70
Patrick Pizzella	FLRA	08/01/13	10/16/13	76
Carol W. Pope	FLRA	01/22/13	10/16/13	267
Jerome H. Powell	FRS	01/16/14	06/12/14	147
Linda A. Puchala	NMB	04/11/13	08/01/13	112
Ann M. Ravel	FEC	06/24/13	09/23/13	91
Jessie H. Roberson	DNFSB	06/05/14	Returned 12/17/14	
Marietta S. Robinson	CPSC	01/24/13	06/27/13	154
Daniel J. Santos	DNFSB	06/05/14	12/16/14	194

Nominee	Board/ Commission <sup>a</sup>	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Nancy J. Schiffer	NLRB	07/16/13	07/30/13	14
Rhonda K. Schmidlein	USITC	07/15/13	Returned 01/03/14	
Rhonda K. Schmidlein	USITC	01/06/14	03/06/14	59
Lafe E. Solomon (General Counsel)	NLRB	05/23/13	Withdrawn 08/01/13	
Kara M. Stein	SEC	05/23/13	08/01/13	70
Dallas P. Tonsager	FCA	09/18/14	Returned 12/17/14	
Thomas E. Wheeler	FCC	05/09/13	Withdrawn 11/07/13	
Thomas E. Wheeler	FCC	05/09/13	10/29/13	173
Mary Jo White	SEC	02/07/13	04/08/13	60
Mary Jo White	SEC	02/07/13	08/01/13	175
Jenny R. Yang	EEOC	01/22/13	04/25/13	93
Janet L. Yellen (Chair)	FRS	10/09/13	01/06/14	89
Michael G. Young	FMSHRC	09/10/14	Returned 12/17/14	
<b>Mean number of days to confirm</b>				<b>124.2</b>
<b>Median number of days to confirm</b>				<b>112.0</b>

**Source:** Table created by CRS using data found in the Senate nominations database of the Legislative Information System at <http://www.lis.gov/nomis/>.

a. The key to the agency acronyms appears in **Appendix B**.

**Table A-2. Appointment Action, Regulatory and Other Collegial Boards and Commissions, 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

<b>Board/ Commission<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Total Member, IG, &amp; GC Positions<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>Vacant Positions<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>Incumbent Serving; Term Expired</b>	<b>Nominations Submitted</b>	<b>Individual Nominees</b>	<b>Positions to Which Nominations Were Made<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>Nominations Confirmed</b>	<b>Nominations Returned</b>	<b>Nominations Withdrawn</b>	<b>Recess Appointments</b>
CSB	5	2	0	3	2	2	2	1	0	0
CFTC	5	1	0	8	3	4	5	3	0	0
CPSC	5	0	0	7	5	6	6	1	0	0
DNFSB	5	1	2	3	3	3	2	1	0	0
EAC	4	4	0	8	5	4	3	4	1	0
EEOC	6	1	0	4	4	4	4	0	0	0
EXIMBANK	6	2	0	3	2	2	2	1	0	0
FCA	3	0	2	2	2	2	0	2	0	0
FCC	5	0	0	4	2	2	3	0	1	0
FDIC	4	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
FEC	6	0	4	2	2	2	2	0	0	0
FERC	5	1	0	4	4	3	3	0	1	0
FLRA	4	0	1	4	4	4	4	0	0	0
FMC	5	0	3	2	2	2	0	2	0	0
FMSHRC	5	2	0	4	4	4	2	2	0	0
FRS	7	2	0	5	4	5	5	0	0	0
FTC	5	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	0
FSOC	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FCSC	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MSPB	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NCUA	3	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0

Board/ Commission <sup>a</sup>	Total Member, IG, & GC Positions <sup>b</sup>	Vacant Positions <sup>c</sup>	Incumbent Serving; Term Expired	Nominations Submitted	Individual Nominees	Positions to Which Nominations Were Made <sup>d</sup>	Nominations Confirmed	Nominations Returned	Nominations Withdrawn	Recess Appointments
NLRB	6	0	0	11	9	9	7	0	4	0
NMB	3	0	1	4	3	3	3	1	0	0
NTSB	5	2	0	5	3	3	3	2	0	0
NRC	6	0	1	4	3	3	4	0	0	0
OSHRC	3	0	0	3	2	2	2	1	0	0
PRC	5	0	1	4	2	2	2	2	0	0
PCLOB	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
RRB	4	0	2	3	2	2	1	2	0	0
SEC	5	0	0	4	3	3	4	0	0	0
STB	3	0	1	3	2	2	1	2	0	0
USITC	6	0	1	3	2	2	2	1	0	0
USPC	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USSC	4	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>

**Source:** Table created by CRS using data compiled for this report.

- a. The key to the agency acronyms may be found in **Appendix B**.
- b. This column includes the total number of member, inspector general (IG), and general counsel (GC) positions in each agency that are filled through the advice and consent process. For some agencies, appointment of an individual to be chair (or vice chair) requires two nominations: one to be a member and the other to be chair. This column does not count such a chair or vice chair slot as an additional position because the role is filled by an individual who serves simultaneously as a sitting member.
- c. As of the end of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress.
- d. For some agencies, appointment of an individual to be chair requires two separate nominations: one to be a member and the other to be chair. This column counts such instances as two positions to which nominations were made. For those agencies in which members have fixed terms, a single individual may be nominated for successive terms in a single membership seat. This column counts such instances as one position to which a nomination was made.

## Appendix B. Board and Commission Abbreviations

**Table B-1. Board and Commission Abbreviations**

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CSB	Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board
CFTC	Commodity Futures Trading Commission
CPSC	Consumer Product Safety Commission
DNFSB	Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
EAC	Election Assistance Commission
EEOC	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
EXIMBANK	Export-Import Bank
FCA	Farm Credit Administration
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FDIC	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Board of Directors
FEC	Federal Election Commission
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FLRA	Federal Labor Relations Authority
FMC	Federal Maritime Commission
FMSHRC	Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission
FRS	Federal Reserve System, Board of Governors
FTC	Federal Trade Commission
FSOC	Financial Stability Oversight Council
FCSC	Foreign Claims Settlement Commission
MSPB	Merit Systems Protection Board
NCUA	National Credit Union Administration, Board of Directors
NLRB	National Labor Relations Board
NMB	National Mediation Board
NTSB	National Transportation Safety Board
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
OSHRC	Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission
PRC	Postal Regulatory Commission
PCLOB	Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board
RRB	Railroad Retirement Board
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission
STB	Surface Transportation Board
USITC	United States International Trade Commission
USPC	United States Parole Commission
USSC	United States Sentencing Commission

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