

**Social Security Advisory Board
Minutes
Board Meeting
February 13, 2013**

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

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SSAB Members: Barbara Kennelly, Acting Chair
Bernadette Franks-Ongoy
Jagadeesh Gokhale
Dorcas Hardy

Presenters: Debra Bice, Chief Administrative Law Judge, Social Security
Administration
Judge Patricia A. Jonas, Executive Director for Appellate Operations,
Social Security Administration
Professor Jeffrey Lubbers, American University's Washington College
of Law

SSAB Staff: Debi Sullivan, Staff Director
Claire Green, Deputy Staff Director
Jackie Chapin
Jeremy Elder
Joel Feinleib
David Warner

During the February meeting, the Board held one fact-finding meeting and met in executive session in the afternoon to discuss current and future Board projects and events. The Board also welcomed its newest Board member, Ms. Bernadette Franks-Ongoy, from the state of Montana.

In the morning, the Board met with Judges Debra Bice and Patricia Jonas from the Social Security Administration (SSA), as well as Professor Jeffrey Lubbers from American University. This fact-finding session focused on the topic of the SSA government representative pilot program that took place in the early 1980s, as well as the potential for revisiting this program as part of the current hearing process. Our guests shared their overall experience with the pilot program and expressed their own opinions on having a government representative present at Social Security hearings.

I certify that the minutes written for the February 13, 2013 meeting of the Social Security Advisory Board are correct.



Barbara B. Kennelly
Acting Chair

Date: April 3, 2013