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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 151 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 114th 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 114th 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 an appendix.

During the 114th Congress, the President submitted 61 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 Of these 61 nominations, 23 were confirmed, 3 were withdrawn, and 35 were returned to the President. At the end of the 114th Congress, 28 incumbents were serving past the expiration of their terms. In addition, there were 40 vacancies among the 151 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 114th Congress, all nominations submitted to the Senate for full-time positions on 34 regulatory and other collegial boards and commissions.

This report includes profiles 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 114th 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 114th Congress and the pay levels of those positions. The second table tracks appointment activity for each board or commission within the 114th 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).[1] In some instances, no appointment action occurred within a board or commission during the 114th 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 2016 *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 are available to congressional clients at http://www.crs.gov.[2]

Characteristics of Regulatory and Other Collegial Bodies

Commonalities

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;[3] (2) several board or commission members head each

[1] For more information on recess appointments, see CRS Report RS21308, *Recess Appointments: Frequently Asked Questions*, by Henry B. Hogue.

[2] A collection of such reports may be found at http://www.crs.gov/search/#/0?termsToSearch=Executive%20%26%20Judicial%20Branch%20Appointments&orderBy=Date&navIds=4294931003.

[3] 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); (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

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.

Terms of Office

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.

Appointment of Chairs and Political Independence

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 a member's death. 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.

U.S.C. §7171(d)). The FCSC was designated as an independent entity within DOJ with a provision specifying 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)).

Political Affiliations and Inspectors General

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 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).[4] 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 114th Congress

During the 114th Congress, President Barack H. Obama submitted nominations to the Senate for 57 of the 151 full-time positions on 34 regulatory and other boards and commissions (most of the remaining positions were not vacant during that time). In attempting to fill these 57 positions, he submitted a total of 61 nominations, of which 23 were confirmed, 3 were withdrawn, and 35 were returned to the President. No recess appointments were made. **Table 1** summarizes the appointment activity for the 114th Congress. At the end of the Congress, 28 incumbents were serving past the expiration of their terms.[5] In addition, there were 40 vacancies among the 151 positions.

[4] 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.

[5] 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)).

Table 1. Appointment Action to Full-Time Positions for Regulatory and Other Collegial Boards and Commissions

(114th Congress, 2015-2016)

Positions on Boards and Commissions (Total)	**151**
Positions to which nominations were made	57
Individual nominees	56
Nominations Submitted to the Senate During the 114th Congress (Total)	**61**
Disposition of nominations	
Confirmed by the Senate	23
Withdrawn	3
Returned	35
Recess Appointments	**0**

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

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 114th Congress, the number of days between nomination and confirmation ("days to confirm").

Under Senate Rules, nominations not acted on by the Senate at the end of a session of Congress (or before a recess of 30 days) are returned to the President.[6] The Senate, by unanimous consent, often waives this rule—although not always.[7] In cases where the President resubmits a returned nomination, this report measures the days to confirm from the date of receipt of the resubmitted nomination, not the original.

For those nominations confirmed in the 114th Congress, a mean of 128.6 days elapsed between nomination and confirmation. The median number of days elapsed was 89.0.

Organization of the Report

Board and Commission Profiles

Each of the 34 board or commission profiles in this report is organized into three parts. First, the leadership structure section discusses the statutory requirements for the appointed positions, including the number of members on each board or commission, their terms of office, whether

[6] For more information on floor procedure related to Senate consideration of nominations, see CRS Report RL31980, *Senate Consideration of Presidential Nominations: Committee and Floor Procedure*, by Elizabeth Rybicki.

[7] Notably, on January 3, 2014, nearly all nominations were returned to the President under Senate rules, between the first and second session of the 113th Congress. No unanimous consent agreement was reached that nominations received in the first session remain as status quo notwithstanding Senate Rule XXXI (which requires nominations not acted upon to be returned to the President at the end of the session). In most cases, the President re-nominated those individuals whose nominations had been returned to him.

these members may continue in their positions after their terms expire, whether political balance is required, and the method for selecting the chair.

The first table lists incumbents to full-time positions as of the end of the 114th Congress, along with party affiliation[8] (where applicable), date of first confirmation, term expiration date, and pay level. 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 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.[9]

The second table lists appointment action for vacant positions during the 114th Congress in chronological order. This table provides the name of the nominee, position title, date of nomination or appointment, date of confirmation, and number of days between receipt of a nomination and confirmation, and notes relevant actions other than confirmation (e.g., nominations returned to or withdrawn by the President).

When more than one nominee has had appointment action, the second table also provides statistics on the length of time between nomination and confirmation. The average days to confirm are provided in two ways: mean and median. The mean is a more familiar measure, though it may be influenced by outliers in the data. The median, by contrast, does not tend to be influenced by outliers. In other words, a nomination that took an extraordinarily long time to be confirmed might cause a significant change in the mean, but the median would be unaffected. Examining both numbers offers more information with which to assess the central tendency of the data.

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 114th 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. **Table A-1** 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.[10]

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, it shows 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.

[8] 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).

[9] The annual pay rates for the Executive Schedule, as of the end of the 114th Congress (2016), were as follows: Level I, $205,700; Level II, $185,100; Level III, $170,000; Level IV, $160,300; and Level V, $150,200. U.S. Office of Personnel Management, "Salary Table No. 2016-EX," available at https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/16Tables/exec/html/EX.aspx.

[10] This median is the middle number when the days-to-confirm data for all the confirmed nominations are arranged in numerical order.

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

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Vanessa L.A. Sutherland (Chair)	NA	08/05/15	08/10/20	IV
Manuel H. Ehrlich	NA	12/16/14	12/21/19	IV
Richard J. Engler	NA	12/16/14	02/04/20	IV
Kristin M. Kulinowski	NA	08/05/15	08/10/20	IV
Vacant	NA	—	—	IV

Source: Table created using data from agency websites and the Legislative Information System (LIS) Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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. Board terms expire five years from the time of appointment.

Table 3. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Kristin M. Kulinowski	NA	Member	Beth J. Rosenberg	01/08/15	08/05/15	209
Vanessa L.A. Sutherland	NA	Member	Rafael Moure-Eraso	03/11/15	08/05/15	147
Vanessa L.A. Sutherland	NA	Chair	Rafael Moure-Eraso	03/11/15	08/05/15	147
Rachel A. Meidl	NA	Member	Mark A. Griffon	11/29/16	01/03/17	35
Mean number of days to confirm a nomination						**134.5**

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Timothy G. Massad (Chair)	D	06/03/14	04/13/17	III
Sharon Y. Bowen	D	06/03/14	04/13/18	IV
J. Christopher Giancarlo	R	06/03/14	04/13/19	IV
Vacant	—	—	04/13/20	IV
Vacant	—	—	06/19/21	IV

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

Table 5. Commodity Futures Trading Commission Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Christopher J. Brummer	D	Commissioner	Mark P. Wetjen	03/03/16	Returned 01/03/17[a]	
Christopher J. Brummer	D	Commissioner	Reappointment	03/03/16	Returned 01/03/17[a]	
Brian D. Quintenz	R	Commissioner	Scott O'Malia	03/03/16	Returned 01/03/17[a]	

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Vacant (Chair)	—	—	10/26/20	III
Ann Marie Buerkle (Acting Chair)	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: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

Table 7. Consumer Product Safety Commission Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
No appointment action during the 114th Congress						

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Joyce L. Connery (Chair)	D	08/05/15	10/18/19	III
Jessie H. Roberson (Vice Chair)[a]	D	10/29/99[b]	10/18/13	III
Sean Sullivan[a]	R	08/02/12	10/18/15	III
Daniel J. Santos	D	12/16/14	10/18/17	III
Joseph B. Hamilton[a]	R	08/05/15	10/18/16	III

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

a. The terms of 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 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Jessie H. Roberson	D	Member	Reappointment	02/05/15	Withdrawn 07/16/15	
Joyce L. Connery	D	Member	Peter S. Winokur	04/13/15	08/05/15	114
Joseph B. Hamilton	R	Member	Kenneth L. Mossman	04/13/15	08/05/15	114
Gail H. Marcus	D	Member	Jessie H. Roberson	04/28/16	Returned 01/03/17[a]	
Joseph B. Hamilton	R	Member	Reappointment	11/29/16	Returned 01/03/17[a]	
Mean number of days to confirm a nomination						**114.0**

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Thomas Hicks (Chair)	D	12/16/14	12/12/17	IV
Matthew V. Masterson (Vice-Chair)	R	12/16/14	12/12/17	IV
Christy A. McCormick[a]	R	12/16/14	12/12/15	IV
Vacant	—	—	12/12/19	IV

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

a. The incumbent shown in italics term had expired. She continued to serve under the holdover provision noted above.

Table 11. Election Assistance Commission Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Kathleen M. Marshall	D	Member	Rosemary E. Rodriguez	04/28/16	Returned 01/03/17[a]	

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Commissioners				
Jenny R. Yang (Chair)	D	04/25/13	07/01/17	III
Constance S. Barker[a]	R	06/27/08	07/01/16	IV
Victoria A. Lipnic	R	12/22/10	07/01/20	IV
Chai R. Feldblum	D	12/22/10	07/01/18	IV
Charlotte A. Burrows	D	12/03/14	07/01/19	IV
General Counsel				
Vacant	—	—	4 years from appointment	V

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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

a. The incumbent shown in italics term had expired. She continued to serve under the holdover provision noted above.

Table 13. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Victoria A. Lipnic	R	Member	Reappointment	7/30/15	11/19/15	112
Constance S. Barker	R	Member	Reappointment	7/13/16	Returned 01/03/17[a]	

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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 114th 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
Vacant (Vice President/Vice Chair)	—	—	01/20/19	IV
Vacant	—	—	01/20/19	IV
Vacant	—	—	01/20/21	IV
Vacant	—	—	01/20/21	IV
Inspector General				
Vacant	—	—	Indefinite	III + 3%[a]

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

Notes: 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 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Patricia M. Loui-Schmicker	D	Member	Reappointment	03/16/15	Withdrawn 01/11/16	
John M. McWatters	R	Member	Sean R. Mulvaney	01/11/16	Returned 01/03/17[a]	
Kimberly J. Walker	NA	Inspector General	Osvaldo L.G. Munet	07/07/16	Returned 01/03/17[a]	
Claudia Slacik	D	Member	Patricia M. Loui	09/19/16	Returned 01/03/17[a]	

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Dallas P. Tonsager (Chair)	D	03/09/15	05/21/20	III
Jeffery S. Hall	R	03/09/15	10/13/18	IV
Kenneth A. Spearman[a]	D	10/08/09	05/21/16	IV

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

a. The incumbent shown in italics term had expired. He continued to serve under the holdover provision noted above.

Table 17. Farm Credit Administration Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Jeffery S. Hall	R	Member	Leland A. Strom	01/08/15	03/09/15	60
Dallas P. Tonsager	D	Member	Jill L. Thompson	01/26/15	03/09/15	42
Mean number of days to confirm a nomination						**51.0**

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Thomas E. Wheeler (Chair)	D	10/29/13	06/30/18	III
Jessica Rosenworcel[a]	D	05/07/12	06/30/15	IV
Ajit V. Pai[a]	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: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

a. The terms of incumbents shown in italics had expired. They continued to serve under the holdover provision noted above.

Table 19. Federal Communications Commission Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Jessica Rosenworcel	D	Member	Reappointment	05/21/15	Returned 01/03/17	

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Board of Directors				
Martin J. Gruenberg (Chair)	D	07/29/05	12/27/18[a]	III
Thomas M. Hoenig (Vice Chair)	R	03/29/12	04/16/18	IV
Vacant	—	—	—	IV
Inspector General				
Vacant[b]	—	—	Indefinite	III + 3%[c]

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

Notes: The statute establishing the position of inspector general provides that appointment shall be made without regard to political party affiliation.

a. Gruenberg's term as a member expires on December 27, 2018. His current term as chair expires on November 16, 2017.

b. Jay N. Lerner was confirmed near the end of the 114th Congress on December 10, 2016, but was not appointed to begin his term as Inspector General until January 9, 2017, in the 115th Congress.

c. 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 21. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Board of Directors Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Jay N. Lerner	NA	Inspector General	Jon T. Rymer	01/13/15	12/10/16	697

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

Note: The statute establishing the position of inspector general provides that appointment shall be made without regard to political party affiliation.

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 114th Congress)

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

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

a. The terms of 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 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
No appointment action during the 114th Congress						

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Norman Bay (Chair)	D	07/15/14	06/30/18	III
Cheryl A. LaFleur	D	06/22/10	06/30/19	IV
Colette D. Honorable	D	12/16/14	06/30/17	IV
Vacant	—	—	06/30/20	IV
Vacant	—	—	06/30/21	IV

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

Table 25. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
No appointment action during the 114th Congress						

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Members				
Carol W. Pope[a] (Chair)	D	10/26/00	07/01/14	IV
Patrick Pizzella[a]	R	10/16/13	07/01/15	V

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
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: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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

a. The terms of incumbents shown in italics had expired. They continued to serve under the holdover provision noted above.

Table 27. Federal Labor Relations Authority Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Carol W. Pope	D	Member	Reappointment	04/14/15	Returned 01/03/17[a]	
Patrick Pizzella	R	Member	Reappointment	11/19/15	Returned 01/03/17[a]	

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Mario Cordero (Chair)	D	04/14/11	06/30/19	III
William P. Doyle	D	01/01/13	06/30/18	IV
Rebecca F. Dye	R	11/14/02	06/30/20	IV
Michael A. Khouri	R	12/24/09	06/30/21	IV
Daniel B. Maffei	D	06/29/16	06/30/17	IV

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

Table 29. Federal Maritime Commission Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Mario Codero	D	Commissioner	Reappointment	01/13/15	10/08/15	268
William P. Doyle	D	Commissioner	Reappointment	01/29/15	03/23/15	53
Daniel B. Maffei	D	Commissioner	Richard A. Lidinsky, Jr.	11/19/15	06/29/16	223
Rebecca F. Dye	R	Commissioner	Reappointment	05/26/16	06/29/16	34
Michael A. Khouri	R	Commissioner	Reappointment	06/09/16	06/29/16	20
Mean number of days to confirm a nomination						**119.6**

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Mary L. Jordan (Chair)	NA	04/14/94[a]	08/30/20	III
Robert F. Cohen, Jr.	NA	03/13/08	08/30/18	IV
William I. Althen	NA	08/01/13	08/30/18	IV
Michael G. Young	NA	07/31/03[b]	08/30/20	IV
Vacant	—	—	08/30/22	IV

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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

a. Jordan was initially confirmed to the board on April 14, 1994. She served from April 1994 to August 2014. From September 2014 to April 2015 she served as Counsel to the Commission. Jordan was again confirmed to the Commission on March 27, 2015.

b. Young was initially confirmed to the board on July 31, 2003. He served from July 2003 to August 2014. From September 2014 to April 2015 he served as Counsel to the Commission. Young was again confirmed to the Commission on March 27, 2015

Table 31. Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Mary L. Jordan	NA	Member	Reappointment	01/08/15	03/27/15	78
Michael Young	NA	Member	Reappointment	01/08/15	03/27/15	78
Patrick K. Nakamura	NA	Member	Reappointment	11/29/16	Returned 01/03/17[a]	
Mean number of days to confirm a nomination						**78.0**

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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 seven 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 four-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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Janet L. Yellen (Chair)	NA	08/11/94[a]	01/31/24[b]	I
Stanley Fischer (Vice Chair)	NA	05/21/14	01/31/20[b]	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	—	—	01/31/18	II
Vacant	—	—	01/31/30	II

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

Notes: As noted above, the membership of the Federal Reserve System Board of Governors is not required to be politically balanced.

a. Yellen was first confirmed as a member of the board on August 11, 1994. She served in that position for 3 years, until February 1997. Yellen was later nominated and confirmed as a member and Vice Chair of the board, on September 29, 2010.

b. 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 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Allan R. Landon	NA	Member	Sarah B. Raskin	01/07/15	Returned 01/03/17[a]	
Allan R. Landon	NA	Member	Reappointment	01/07/15	Returned 01/03/17[a]	
Kathryn M. Dominguez	NA	Member	Jeremy C. Stein	07/21/15	Returned 01/03/17[a]	

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Edith Ramirez (Chair)[a]	D	03/03/10	09/25/15	III
Terrell McSweeny	D	04/09/14	09/25/17	IV
Maureen K. Ohlhausen	R	03/29/12	09/25/18	IV
Vacant	—	—	09/25/19	IV
Vacant	—	—	09/25/20	IV

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

a. The incumbent shown in italics term had expired. She continued to serve under the holdover provision noted above.

Table 35. Federal Trade Commission Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Edith Ramirez	D	Commissioner	Reappointment	12/14/15	Returned 01/03/17[a]	

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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 114th Congress)

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

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

Note: 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 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
No appointment action during the 114th Congress						

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Vacant (Chair)	—	—	09/30/18	V

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

Table 39. Foreign Claims Settlement Commission Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
No appointment action during the 114th Congress						

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Susan T. Grundmann (Chair)[a]	D	11/05/09	03/01/16	III
Mark A. Robbins	R	04/26/12	03/01/18	IV
Vacant	—	—	03/01/21	IV

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

a. The incumbent shown in italics term had expired. She continued to serve under the holdover provision noted above.

Table 41. Merit Systems Protection Board Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Mark P. Cohen	D	Member	Anne M. Wagner	07/08/15	Returned 01/03/17[a]	

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Richard T. Metsger (Chair)	D	08/01/13	08/02/17	III
J. Mark McWatters	R	06/19/14	08/02/19	IV
Vacant	—	—	04/10/21	IV

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

Table 43. National Credit Union Administration Board of Directors Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
John A. Herrera	D	Member	Deborah Matz	07/13/16	Returned 01/03/17[a]	

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Board				
Mark G. Pearce (Chair)	D	06/22/10	08/27/18	III
Philip A. Miscimarra	R	07/30/13	12/16/17	IV

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Lauren M. McFerran	D	12/08/14	12/16/19	IV
Vacant	—	—	—	IV
Vacant	—	—	—	IV
General Counsel				
Richard F. Griffin, Jr.	NA	10/29/13	4 years from appointment	IV

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

Note: 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 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Kent Y. Hirozawa	D	Member	Reappointment	04/28/16	Returned 01/03/17[a]	

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Linda A. Puchala (Chair)[a]	D	05/21/09	07/01/15	III
Harry R. Hoglander[a]	D	08/01/02	07/01/14	IV
Nicholas C. Geale[a]	R	08/01/13	07/01/16	IV

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

a. The terms of incumbents shown in italics had expired. They continued to serve under the holdover provision noted above.

Table 47. National Mediation Board Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Linda A. Puchala	D	Member	Reappointment	09/16/15	Returned 01/03/17[a]	
Harry R. Hoglander	D	Member	Reappointment	11/19/15	Returned 01/03/17[a]	

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Christopher A. Hart (Chair)	D	08/04/90[a]	12/31/17[b]	III
Tho Dinh-Zarr (Vice Chair)	D	03/12/15	12/31/18	IV
Earl F. Weener[c]	R	06/22/10	12/31/15	IV
Robert L. Sumwalt III[c]	R	08/03/06	12/31/16	IV
Vacant	—	—	12/31/19	IV

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

a. Hart was initially confirmed as a board member on August 4, 1990. He served on the National Transportation Safety Board until 1993. Hart resumed serving on the Board beginning with the 111th Congress.

b. Hart's term as a member expires on December 31, 2017. His term as chair expired on March 17, 2017, two years from the date of his appointment to that post.

c. The terms of incumbents shown in italics had expired. They continued to serve under the holdover provision noted above.

Table 49. National Transportation Safety Board Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Tho Dinh-Zarr	D	Member	Deborah A.P. Hersman	01/08/15	03/12/15	63
Christopher A. Hart	D	Chair	Deborah A.P. Hersman	02/05/15	03/12/15	35

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Beverly A. Scott	D	Member	Mark R. Rosekind	07/30/15	Withdrawn	10/05/15
Mean number of days to confirm a nomination						**49.0**

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Commissioners				
Stephen G. Burns (Chair)	D	09/16/14	06/30/19	II
Kristine L. Svinicki	R	03/13/08	06/30/17	III
Jeffery M. Baran	D	09/16/14	06/30/18	III
Vacant	—	—	06/30/20	III
Vacant	—	—	06/30/21	III
Inspector General				
Hubert T. Bell	NA	06/11/96	Indefinite	III + 3%[a]

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

Notes: 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 51. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Jessie H. Roberson	D	Member	Jeffery M. Baran	07/16/15	Returned	01/03/17[a]

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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

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 114th Congress)

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

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

Note: 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 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
No appointment action during the 114th Congress						

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Robert G. Taub (Chair)	R	09/26/11	10/14/22	III

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Nanci E. Langley (Vice Chair)	D	06/04/08	11/22/18	IV
Tony Hammond	R	11/12/02	10/14/18	IV
Mark D. Acton	R	08/03/06	10/14/22	IV
Vacant	—	—	11/22/19	IV

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

Table 55. Postal Regulatory Commission Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Mark D. Acton	R	Commissioner	Reappointment	06/16/16	12/10/16	177
Robert G. Taub	R	Commissioner	Reappointment	09/12/16	12/10/16	89
Mean number of days to confirm a nomination						**133.0**

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Vacant (Chair)	—	—	01/29/18	III

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

Table 57. Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
No appointment action during the 114th Congress						

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Board				
Vacant (Chair; Member-at-Large)	—	—	08/28/17	III
Walter A. Barrows[a] (Labor Member)	NA	09/26/11	08/28/14	IV
Steven J. Anthony (Management Member)	NA	04/09/14	08/28/18	IV
Inspector General				
Martin J. Dickman	NA	10/08/94	Indefinite	III + 3%[b]

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

Notes: 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. The incumbent shown in italics term had expired. He continued to serve under the holdover provision noted above.

b. 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 59. Railroad Retirement Board Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Walter A. Barrows	NA	Member	Reappointment	01/08/15	Returned 01/03/17[a]	
Thomas G. Kotarac	NA	Member	Michael Schwartz	06/23/16	Returned 01/03/17[a]	

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Mary Jo White (Chair)	I	04/08/13	06/05/19	III
Kara M. Stein	D	08/01/13	06/05/17	IV
Michael S. Piwowar	R	08/01/13	06/05/18	IV
Vacant	—	—	06/05/20	IV
Vacant	—	—	06/05/21	IV

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

Table 61. Securities and Exchange Commission Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Lisa M. Fairfax	D	Member	Luis Aguilar	10/21/15	Returned 01/03/17[a]	
Hester M. Peirce	R	Member	Daniel M. Gallagher, Jr.	10/21/15	Returned 01/03/17[a]	
Hester M. Peirce	R	Member	Reappointment	11/16/15	Returned 01/03/17[a]	

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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

Surface Transportation Board

The Surface Transportation Board, located within the Department of Transportation, 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 a successor takes office but for not more than one year after expiration. The President designates the chair. (49 U.S.C. §1301)

Table 62. Full-Time Surface Transportation Board Incumbents
(as of the end of the 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Daniel R. Elliott III (Chair)	D	08/07/09	12/31/18	III
Debra L. Miller (Vice Chair)	D	04/09/14	12/31/17	IV
Ann D. Begeman	R	04/14/11	12/31/20	IV
Vacant	—	—	—	IV
Vacant	—	—	—	IV

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

Table 63. Surface Transportation Board Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Daniel R. Elliott III	D	Member	Reappointment	01/13/15	06/22/15	160
Ann Begeman	R	Member	Reappointment	12/07/16	12/10/16	3
Mean number of days to confirm a nomination						**81.5**

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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 114th Congress)

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

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

a. The terms of incumbents shown in italics had expired. They continued to serve under the holdover provision noted above.

Table 65. United States International Trade Commission Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
No appointment action during the 114th Congress						

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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 114th Congress)

Incumbent	Party	Date First Confirmed	Term Expires	Pay Level
Vacant (Chair)	NA	—	—	IV
Patricia K. Cushwa[a] (Vice Chair)	NA	11/21/04	12/11/10	V
Charles T. Massarone	NA	05/24/12	08/16/18	V
Vacant	—	—	—	V
Vacant	—	—	—	V

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

Notes: As noted above, the membership of the United States Parole Commission is not required to be politically balanced.

a. The incumbent shown in italics term had expired. She continued to serve under the holdover provision above.

Table 67. United States Parole Commission Appointment Action During the 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Almo J. Carter	NA	Commissioner	Patricia K. Cushwa	03/17/16	Returned 01/03/17[a]	
Larry T. Glenn	NA	Commissioner	Isaac Fulwood, Jr.	03/17/16	Returned 01/03/17[a]	
J. Patricia Wilson Smoot	NA	Commissioner	Reappointment	05/11/16	Returned 01/03/17[a]	

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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

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 114th Congress)

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

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

a. The terms of incumbents shown in italics had expired. They continued to serve under the holdover provision above.

b. 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 114th Congress

Nominee	Party	Position	To Replace	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Charles R. Breyer	[a]	Member (Vice Chair)	Reappointment	09/09/15	Returned 01/03/17[b]	
Richard F. Boulware II	[a]	Member	Ketanji B. Jackson	09/09/15	Returned 01/03/17[b]	
Danny C. Reeves	[a]	Member	Ricardo H. Hinojosa	03/15/16	Returned 01/03/17[b]	

Source: Table created using data on agency websites and the LIS Senate nominations database at http://www.lis.gov/nomis/.

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

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

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, 114th Congress

Nominee	Board/ Commission[a]	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Mark D. Acton	PRC	06/16/16	12/10/16	177
Constance S. Barker	EEOC	07/13/16	Returned 01/03/17	
Walter A. Barrows	RRB	01/08/15	Returned 01/03/17	
Richard F. Boulware II	USSC	09/09/15	Returned 01/03/17	
Charles R. Breyer	USSC	09/09/15	Returned 01/03/17	
Christopher J. Brummer	CFTC	03/03/16	Returned 01/03/17	
Christopher J. Brummer	CFTC	03/03/16	Returned 01/03/17	
Almo J. Carter	USPC	03/17/16	Returned 01/03/17	
Mark P. Cohen	MSPB	07/08/15	Returned 01/03/17	
Joyce L. Connery	DNFSB	04/13/15	08/05/15	114
Kathryn M. Dominguez	FRS	07/21/15	Returned 01/03/17	
William P. Doyle	FMC	01/29/15	03/23/15	53
Rebecca F. Dye	FMC	05/26/16	06/29/16	34
Daniel R. Elliott III	STB	01/13/15	06/22/15	160
Lisa M. Fairfax	SEC	10/21/15	Returned 01/03/17	
Larry T. Glenn	USPC	03/17/16	Returned 01/03/17	
Jeffery S. Hall	FCA	01/08/15	03/09/15	60
Joseph B. Hamilton	DNFSB	04/13/15	08/05/15	114
Joseph B. Hamilton	DNFSB	11/29/16	Returned 01/03/17	
Christopher A. Hart	NTSB	02/05/15	03/12/15	35
John A. Herrera	NCUA	07/13/16	Returned 01/03/17	
Kent Y. Hirozawa	NLRB	04/28/16	Returned 01/03/17	
Harry R. Hoglander	NMB	11/19/15	Returned 01/03/17	
Mary L. Jordan	FMSHRC	1/8/2015	03/27/15	78
Michael A. Khouri	FMC	06/09/16	06/29/16	20
Thomas G. Kotarac	RRB	06/23/16	Returned 01/03/17	
Kristin M. Kulinowski	CSB	01/08/15	08/05/15	209
Allan R. Landon	FRS	01/07/15	Returned 01/03/17	
Allan R. Landon	FRS	01/07/15	Returned 01/03/17	
Jay N. Lerner	FDIC	01/13/15	12/10/16	697

Nominee	Board/ Commission[a]	Date Nominated	Date Confirmed	Days to Confirm
Victoria A. Lipnic	EEOC	07/30/15	11/19/15	112
Patricia M. Loui-Schmicker	EXIM	03/16/15	Withdrawn 01/11/16	
Daniel B. Maffei	FMC	11/19/15	06/29/16	223
Gail H. Marcus	DNFSB	04/28/16	Returned 01/03/17	
Kathleen M. Marshall	EAC	04/28/16	Returned 01/03/17	
John M. McWatters	EXIM	01/11/16	Returned 01/03/17	
Rachel A. Meidl	CSB	11/29/16	01/03/17	35
Patrick K. Nakamura	FMSHRC	11/29/16	Returned 01/03/17	
Hester M. Peirce	SEC	10/21/15	Returned 01/03/17	
Hester M. Peirce	SEC	11/16/15	Returned 01/03/17	
Carol W. Pope	FLRA	04/14/15	Returned 01/03/17	
Linda A. Puchala	NMB	09/16/15	Returned 01/03/17	
Brian D. Quintenz	CFTC	03/03/16	Returned 01/03/17	
Danny C. Reeves	USSC	03/15/16	Returned 01/03/17	
Jessie H. Roberson	DNFSB	02/05/15	Withdrawn 07/16/15	
Jessie H. Roberson	NRC	07/16/15	Returned 01/03/17	
Beverly A. Scott	NTSB	07/30/15	Withdrawn 10/05/15	
Vanessa L.A. Sutherland	CSB	03/11/15	08/05/15	147
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Robert G. Taub	PRC	09/12/16	12/10/16	89
Dallas P. Tonsager	FCA	01/26/15	03/09/15	42
Kimberly J. Walker	EXIM	07/07/16	Returned 01/03/17	
Ann Begeman	STB	12/07/16	12/10/16	3
Mario Codero	FMC	01/13/15	10/08/15	268
Tho Dinh-Zarr	NTSB	01/08/15	03/12/15	63
Patrick Pizzella	FLRA	11/19/15	Returned 01/03/17	
Edith Ramirez	FTC	12/14/15	Returned 01/03/17	
Jessica Rosenworcel	FCC	05/21/15	Returned 01/03/17	
Claudia Slacik	EXIM	09/19/16	Returned 01/03/17	
J. Patricia Wilson Smoot	USPC	05/11/16	Returned 01/03/17	
Michael Young	FMSHRC	01/08/15	03/27/15	78
Mean number of days to confirm				**128.6**
Median number of days to confirm				**89.0**

Source: Table created by CRS using data from the LIS Senate nominations database 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, 114th Congress

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

Board/ Commission[a]	Total Member, IG, & GC Positions [b]	Vacant Positions[c]	Incumbent Serving; Term Expired	Nominations Submitted	Individual Nominees	Positions to Which Nominations Were Made[d]	Nominations Confirmed	Nominations Returned	Nominations Withdrawn	Recess Appointments
NLRB	6	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
NMB	3	0	3	2	2	2	0	2	0	0
NTSB	5	1	2	3	3	3	2	0	1	0
NRC	6	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
OSHRC	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PRC	5	1	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0
PCLOB	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RRB	4	1	1	2	2	2	0	2	0	0
SEC	5	2	0	3	2	2	0	3	0	0
STB	5	2	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0
USITC	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USPC	5	2	1	3	3	3	0	3	0	0
USSC	4	2	2	3	3	3	0	3	0	0
Total	**151**	**40**	**28**	**61**	**56**	**57**	**23**	**35**	**3**	**0**

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 114th 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

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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