

Member Biographies

The President's National Infrastructure Advisory Council (NIAC) is the only executive council that examines cross-sector critical infrastructure security and resilience issues and provides recommendations to the President on how to keep the nation's infrastructure safe. The Council consists of up to 30 senior executives from across the critical infrastructure sectors who volunteer their time to examine these serious issues for the President. The Council's representation from the different sectors and levels of government enable it to effectively identify cross-sector risks and ways to address them.

CONSTANCE H. LAU (CHAIR)

President and CEO, Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc.



Ms. Lau also serves as Chairman of the Board of its two principal subsidiaries: Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO), the electric utility which serves 95% of the state of Hawaii; and American Savings Bank (ASB), Hawaii's third-largest bank. She also serves on the Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council (ESCC).

BEVERLY A. SCOTT, PH.D. (VICE-CHAIR)

CEO, Beverly Scott Associates, LLC



Dr. Scott has more than 30 years of experience in the public transportation industry, including appointments as General Manager/CEO of transit systems in Massachusetts, Georgia, California, and Rhode Island.

JAN ALLMAN

CEO, Fincantieri Marinette Marine Corporation



Ms. Allman served as Vice President of Global Manufacturing at Navistar Corporation from 2012 to 2014 prior to taking her current position. She previously worked at Ford Motor Company in various capacities for over 26 years.

RAND BEERS

Former Acting Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)



Mr. Beers most recently served as Deputy Assistant to the President for Homeland Security from 2014 to 2015. He previously served as Under Secretary for the National Protection and Programs Directorate for four years. Mr. Beers founded the National Security Network in 2006 and was its President until 2008. He previously served on the National Security Council staff under four presidents in various leadership roles between 1988 and 2003.

NEIL ALPERT

Managing Director, Potomac Management



Mr. Alpert is the Managing Director of Potomac Management, an advisory firm that provides strategic advice to individuals, families, family offices, and select institutions. Prior to this, he served first as President and COO and ultimately as CEO of LaserLock Technologies Inc. (today NASDAQ:VRME), a global technology solutions company delivering brand protection offerings to mitigate counterfeiting, product diversion, and illicit trade. Mr. Alpert has also been awarded multiple patents for security technologies. Previously, he spent over a decade in non-profit management.

WILLIAM TERRY BOSTON

Former CEO, PJM Interconnection



Mr. Boston oversaw the largest power grid in North America and the largest electricity market in the world during his time at PJM. In his previous work, Mr. Boston served as the Executive Vice President of Power System Operations for the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), one of the nation's largest transmission and power supply networks.

J. RICH BAICH

Chief Information Security Officer, AIG



Mr. Baich leads AIG's cybersecurity risk management program. Prior to joining AIG, he was Chief Information Security Officer for Wells Fargo and Company. Previous roles include leading the Global Cyber Threat and Vulnerability Management practice as a principal at Deloitte & Touche, serving as the Naval Information Warfare officer for the National Security Agency (NSA), and serving as special assistant to the deputy director for the National Infrastructure Protection Center at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Mr. Baich retired from the U.S. military after more than 20 years of service.

ALBERT J. EDMONDS

President and CEO, Edmonds Enterprise Services; CEO, Logistics Applications



Lt. Gen. USAF (Ret.) Edmonds has more than 30 years of experience leading and supporting the Department of Defense and information technology community. Lt. Gen. Edmonds served for three years as the Director of the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA). Under his leadership, DISA played a key role in developing the Defense Information Infrastructure and Common Operating Environment.

WILLIAM J. FEHRMAN

President and CEO, Berkshire Hathaway Energy



Mr. Fehrman leads Berkshire Hathaway Energy, a diversified global holding company that owns subsidiaries principally engaged in energy businesses in the United States, Canada, Great Britain and the Philippines. He is one of the chief executive officers chosen to represent the electric industry on the ESCC, and he also serves as Vice Chair of the Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center (E-ISAC) Member Executive Committee.

BENJAMIN FOWKE

Chairman, President, and CEO, Xcel Energy



Mr. Fowke has served in his current position since 2011. Prior to this, he served as Xcel Energy's President and Chief Operating Officer, and held other executive-level positions within the company. Xcel provides electricity and natural gas to customers in eight states. Mr. Fowke currently serves on the boards of directors of the Edison Electric Institute, Nuclear Energy Institute, Energy Insurance Mutual, and Institute of Nuclear Power Operations. He also serves on the ESCC.

STEVE GATENA

Founder and CEO, Pray.com



Mr. Gatena is an entrepreneur, executive, and media producer. He is the founder and CEO of Pray.com, the world's #1 app for daily prayer and faith-based audio content. Mr. Gatena has also served as the CEO of aerial stock footage companies VideoFort, air medical transport company Helinet, and corporate communications company REP Interactive.

MARGARET E. GRAYSON

Consultant, E2M, LLC



Ms. Grayson previously served as the President of MTN Government Services and Chief Financial Officer of its parent company, MTN. She is also the former President and CEO of V-ONE Security Services. She has focused much of her career on finance, policy, regulatory compliance, and risk management of technology companies and federal, state, local and tribal government entities.

GEORGE S. HAWKINS

Former CEO and General Manager, District of Columbia Water and Sewage Authority



Mr. Hawkins led the water authority, which covers 725 square miles and operates the largest advanced wastewater treatment plant, between 2009 and 2017. Prior to this role, Mr. Hawkins held executive positions in state and municipal government, environmental and community groups, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and private law practice.

REYNOLD N. HOOVER

Former Deputy Commander, U.S. Northern Command



Lt. Gen. USNORTHCOM (Ret.) Hoover recently retired from 35 years of government and private industry service. During his career, Lt. Gen. Hoover served as Special Assistant to the President of the United States for Homeland Security, Chief of Staff of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Senior Intelligence Service Officer at the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and Chief Counsel and Assistant Vice President of Law and Risk Management for CSX Intermodal, Inc.

TIMOTHY O. HORNE

Founder and President, Tim Horne LLC; Former Acting Administrator, General Services Administration (GSA)



Mr. Horne is the founder of Tim Horne LLC, where he works with clients to develop strategies for increasing relevance and leverage in the federal market. He previously spent 27 years at GSA, most recently serving as the Rocky Mountain Regional Commissioner of GSA's Public Buildings Service until February 2020. Before this, he served as GSA's Acting Administrator in 2017, Federal Transition Coordinator for the 2016 Presidential Transition, and Regional Commissioner of GSA's Federal Acquisition Service.

RHODA MAE KERR

Fire Chief, City of Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue



Ms. Kerr is a fourth-generation firefighter with more than 30 years of experience. She was the first woman to serve as President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs between August 2015 and August 2016. She previously served as a fire chief in Little Rock, and served as Deputy Fire Chief in Fort Lauderdale. Prior to working in fire service, Ms. Kerr was a high school coach and physical education teacher.

RICHARD H. LEDGETT, JR.

Senior Visiting Fellow, The MITRE Corporation; Former Deputy Director of the NSA



Mr. Ledgett is a recognized expert in cyber threats and cybersecurity, with nearly 30 years of experience with the NSA and more than 10 years in the U.S. Army as a cryptologist. He was the first national intelligence manager for cyber at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and oversaw the creation of the Unified Intelligence Strategy for Cyber as the principal advisor to the Director of National Intelligence on cyber matters.

RANDOLPH R. LOWELL

Partner, Willoughby & Hoefler



Mr. Lowell has served as counsel on a number of infrastructure and utility projects in the rail, port, highway, nuclear, water and wastewater, and electric and gas sectors. He currently serves as the outside General Counsel for the South Carolina Ports Authority and for JJE Capital Holdings and its subsidiaries. He also currently serves on the board of the College of Charleston and the advisory board of the MUSC Children's Hospital.

KEVIN M. MORLEY, PH.D.

Manager of Federal Relations, American Water Works Association (AWWA)



Dr. Morley has more than 20 years of experience evaluating and advancing the resilience of the Water and Wastewater Sector. In his role at AWWA, he has worked closely with federal agencies and the Water Sector Coordinating Council to expand mutual aid and assistance via the Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN). In addition, he has supported the development of sector standards and guidance for security and preparedness.

CARL D. NEWMAN

Airport Administrator (Manager), Glendale Municipal Airport



Mr. Newman has almost 40 years of aviation experience, and prior to his current position was the CEO of the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA) in Jackson, Mississippi. Before that, Mr. Newman served as General Manager for the Houston Airport System's George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH), and earlier in his career spent over 30 years at Sky Harbor Airport in Phoenix, Arizona in various leadership roles. Mr. Newman is also a former board member, chairman, and Executive Committee member of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE).

KIRSTJEN NIELSEN

President and Founder, Lighthouse Strategies; Former Secretary, DHS



Secretary Nielsen is an internationally recognized expert and proven leader on critical security challenges, including cybersecurity, enterprise risk, resiliency, and emerging threats. Currently, she is the President of the second advisory company she founded, Lighthouse Strategies. She served as the sixth Secretary of Homeland Security and worked to ensure that the men and women of the Department have the authorities, tools and resources they need to execute their mission. She previously served as the White House Principal Deputy Chief of Staff and prior to that, served as the DHS Chief of Staff. From 2004-2007, Ms. Nielsen served as Special Assistant to the President for Prevention, Preparedness, and Response on the White House Homeland Security Council. She helped to stand up the TSA after the tragic events of 9-11, and earlier in her career, practiced corporate law at Haynes and Boone LLP and worked for U.S. Sen. Connie Mack III. She is a Member of the National Infrastructure Advisory Council, the U.S. Secretary of Energy's Advisory Board, Australia's Cyber Security Industry Advisory Panel, and the Homeland Security Experts Group. She holds a B.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and a J.D. from the University of Virginia's School of Law.

KEITH T. PARKER, AICP

President and CEO, Goodwill Industries of North Georgia



Mr. Parker previously led the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) for five years. He has worked in the public and private sectors in Virginia, California, Washington State, North Carolina, and Texas. Mr. Parker previously served as CEO for transit systems in San Antonio, Texas and Charlotte, North Carolina.

OLA SAGE

Founder and CEO, CyberRx; Chair, Vistage Worldwide, Inc.



Ms. Sage has spent more than 20 years improving the cybersecurity readiness of small- and medium-sized businesses through engagement with CEOs, business groups, and Congress. As CEO of CyberRx, she leads the development of software platforms and solutions that businesses can use to track, measure, and improve their cybersecurity health and preparedness. Prior to this position, Ms. Sage was President and CEO of a government-focused information technology professional services company for 18 years. From 2016 to 2018, Ms. Sage served as the Chair of the Information Technology Sector Coordinating Council (IT SCC). Ms. Sage also serves on the executive committee of the nation's first Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Supply Chain Risk Management Task Force, a public-private partnership with DHS.

DAVID THOMAS

Vice President of Security & Ballpark Operations, Major League Baseball (MLB).



Mr. Thomas is an experienced security professional and served with the U.S. Secret Service for 25 years, finishing his career as the Special Agent in Charge of the San Francisco Field Office. Mr. Thomas served briefly as the Vice President of Security Operations for the Sacramento Kings and went to work for MLB in 2018, serving as the Managing Director for Security and Facility Management before taking his current role.

MICHAEL J. WALLACE

Former Vice Chairman and COO, Constellation Energy; Member, Cybersecurity Subcommittee, Homeland Security Advisory Council, DHS; Member, Steering Committee, ESCC



Mr. Wallace retired in April 2011 as Vice Chairman and COO of Constellation Energy and Chairman of Constellation Energy Nuclear Group. In recent years, he served as Chairman of the Nuclear Energy Institute's (NEI) Security Working Group, where he oversaw security for all 104 U.S. nuclear power plants, and Chairman of the Nuclear Sector Coordinating Council under the National Infrastructure Protection Plan.

DANIEL P. WALSH

Senior Vice President and Corporate Strategic Advisor, CACI



Before joining CACI in February 2020, Mr. Walsh held several senior management positions in the White House, most recently as Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. He has also held the titles of Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the White House Military Office (WHMO), Deputy Director of WHMO, and Military Aide to the President. Prior to his service in the White House, Mr. Walsh served in the Coast Guard for 24 years in a variety of operational and staff assignments.