Minutes
Board Meeting
September 13-14, 2011

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Location: Reserve Officers Association
                       One Constitution Avenue, NE
                       Washington D.C. 20002

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

SSAB Members: Marsha Katz, Acting Chair
                       Jagadeesh Gokhale
                       Dorcas Hardy
                       Mark Warshawsky

Presenters: Kelly Croft, Deputy Commissioner for Systems, SSA
                       Brigitte Madrian, Chair, Technical Panel on
                         Assumptions and Methods
                       Janet Barr, Member, Technical Panel on
                         Assumptions and Methods
                       John Bongaarts (via telephone), Member, Technical
                         Panel on Assumptions and Methods
                       Mark Duggan, Member, Technical Panel on
                         Assumptions and Methods
                       Melissa Favreault, Member, Technical Panel on
                         Assumptions and Methods
                       Tim Marnell, Member, Technical Panel on
                         Assumptions and Methods
                       S. Philip Morgan, Member, Technical Panel on
                         Assumptions and Methods
                       John Sabelhaus, Member, Technical Panel on
                         Assumptions and Methods
                       Andrew Samwick, Member, Technical Panel on
                         Assumptions and Methods
                       Karen Woodrow-Lafield, Member, Technical Panel on
                         Assumptions and Methods

SSAB Staff: Katherine Thornton, Staff Director
                       Debi Sullivan, Deputy Staff Director
                       Jeremy Elder
                       Joel Feinleib
                       Beverly Rollins
                       David Warner

Guests:	Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security and Trustee of the Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) Trust Fund
	Charles Blahous, Public Trustee, OASDI Trust Fund
	Robert Reischauer, Public Trustee, OASDI Trust Fund
	Invited Government Officials and Social Security Program Experts

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Location:	400 Virginia Avenue, S.W., Suite 625
	Washington, D.C. 20024
Presenters:	Scott Frey, Deputy Commissioner for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, SSA
	Phil Gambino, Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Communications, SSA
	Darrell Taylor, Office of Communications, SSA

On September 13, the Board held a special session at the Reserve Officers' Association to meet with members of the 2010-2011 Technical Panel on Assumptions and Methods. The Technical Panel met with the Board members in a closed session that was followed by a public presentation of their recommendations. The Panel's recommendations will be posted to the Advisory Board's website at www.ssab.gov.

The Board also met with Kelly Croft, SSA's Deputy Commissioner for Systems and Chief Information Officer. Mr. Croft described SSA's efforts with its Information Resources Management Plan, Internet authentication, systems modernization, and capacity planning. He discussed SSA's budget situation and how it is impacting his office and its work. He noted that the number of disability applications completed online by the public is increasing. Mr. Croft also noted that SSA has instituted tiered storage – a new approach for storing information and files.

On September 14, the Board met with Scott Frey, SSA's Deputy Commissioner for Legislation and Congressional Affairs; Phil Gambino, SSA's Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Communications; and Darrell Taylor of SSA's Office of Communications. Mr. Gambino and Mr. Taylor discussed SSA's Office of Communications and some of its current initiatives. They provided a status update on the online version of the *Social Security Statement* and other features that will be available on SSA's upcoming *My Social Security* website. Scott Frey described recent Congressional hearings that have involved SSA, and a legislative package that the agency is developing for Congressional consideration. He also discussed the *Budget Control Act* and its implications for SSA.

I certify that the minutes written for the September 13-14, 2011 meeting of the Social Security Advisory Board are correct.

Marsha Katz   Date: October 21, 2011
Acting Chair
Social Security Advisory Board