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Biden Administration Nominations and Appointments

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On Wednesday January 20, 2021, we saw the inauguration of the 46th President of the United States, Joseph R. Biden, Jr. His first task as president was signing 17 executive orders addressing issues related to COVID-19, climate change, immigration matters, the U.S. census and other key issues. On his second day in office, he released his National Strategy for the COVID-19 Response and Pandemic Preparedness, in addition to more Executive Orders to fulfill this commitment. President Biden has also nominated individuals to fill his cabinet and other positions and is seeking Senate action to hold hearings and confirm his nominees as quickly as possible.

Below are the names of those nominated or appointed to date and, where possible, the dates of their confirmation, when hearings are scheduled or where no Senate action is required. We will update this information as it changes.

For additional questions, please contact [Sheila P. Burke](#), [Thomas Shaw](#), or a member of the Firm's Government Relations and Public Policy team.

Cabinet		
Title	Name	
Secretary of State	Antony Blinken	Confirmed on January 26, 2021
Secretary of Treasury	Janet Yellen	Confirmed on January 25, 2021
Secretary of Defense	Retired Gen. Lloyd Austin	Confirmed on January 22, 2021
Attorney General	Merrick Garland	Confirmed on March 10, 2021
Secretary of the Interior	Deb Haaland	Confirmed on March 15, 2021
Secretary of Agriculture	Tom Vilsack	Confirmed on February 23, 2021

Secretary of Commerce	Gina Raimondo	Confirmed on March 2, 2021
Secretary of Labor	Marty Walsh	Confirmed on March 22, 2021
Secretary of Health and Human Services	Xavier Becerra	Confirmed on March 18, 2021
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development	Marcia Fudge	Confirmed on March 10, 2021
Secretary of Commerce, Science and Transportation	Pete Buttigieg	Confirmed on February 2, 2021
Secretary of Energy	Jennifer Granholm	Confirmed on February 25, 2021
Secretary of Education	Miguel Cardona	Confirmed on March 1, 2021
Secretary of Veterans Affairs	Denis McDonough	Confirmed on February 8, 2021
Secretary of Homeland Security	Alejandro Mayorkas	Confirmed on February 2, 2021
EPA Administrator	Michael Regan	Confirmed on March 10, 2021
Director of OMB	TBD	TBD
Director of National Intelligence	Avril Haines	Confirmed on January 20, 2021
U.S. Trade Representative	Katherine Tai	Confirmed on March 17, 2021
U.S. Ambassador to the U.N.	Linda Thomas-Greenfield	Confirmed on February 23, 2021
Chair of the Council of Economic Advisors	Cecilia Rouse	Confirmed on March 2, 2021
Small Business Administrator	Isabel Guzman	Confirmed on March 16, 2021
OSTP Director and Presidential Science Advisor	Eric Lander	TBD

Deputy Cabinet and Other Appointees

Title	Name	Senate Committee Nomination Hearings Schedule
Executive Office of the President		
Member of the Council of Economic Advisers	Jared Bernstein	TBD
Member of the Council of Economic Advisers	Heather Boushey	TBD
Director of the Domestic Policy Council & Domestic Policy Advisor	Susan Rice	No confirmation required
Deputy Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor to the Director of the Domestic Policy Council	Stefanie Feldman	No confirmation required
Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council for Racial Justice and Equity	Catherine Lhamon	No confirmation required
Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council for Economic Mobility	Carmel Martin	No confirmation required
Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council for Immigration	Esther Olavarria	No confirmation required
Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council for Health and Veterans Affairs	Christen Linke Young	No confirmation required
Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality	Brenda Mallory	Confirmed on March 25

Special Envoy for Climate	John Kerry	No confirmation required
National Climate Advisor	Gina McCarthy	No confirmation required
Deputy National Climate Advisor	Ali Zaidi	No confirmation required
Chief Medical Advisor	Dr. Anthony Fauci	No confirmation required
COVID-19 Equity Task Force Chair	Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith	No confirmation required
Coordinator of the COVID-19 Response and Counselor to the President	Jeff Zients	No confirmation required
Deputy Coordinator of the COVID-19 Response	Natalie Quillian	No confirmation required
Director of the National Economic Council	Brian Deese	No confirmation required
Deputy Director of the National Economic Council	David Kamin	No confirmation required
Deputy Director of the National Economic Council	Sameera Fazili	No confirmation required
Deputy Director for the National Economic Council for Financial Reform and Consumer Protection	Bharat Ramamurti	No confirmation required
National Security Advisor	Jake Sullivan	No confirmation required
Homeland Security Advisor Deputy National Security Advisor	Dr. Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall	No confirmation required
Deputy National Security Advisor for Cyber and	Anne Neuberger	No confirmation required

Emerging Technology		
Principal Deputy National Security Advisor	Jon Finer	No confirmation required
Deputy Director of Office of Management and Budget	Shalanda Young	Confirmed on March 23
Deputy Director for Management	Jason Miller	TBD
Office of Science and Technology Policy Deputy Director for Science and Society	Dr. Alondra Nelson	TBD
Co-Chair of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology	Dr. Frances Arnold	No confirmation required
Co-Chair of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology	Dr. Maria Zuber	No confirmation required
Office of Science and Technology Policy Chief of Staff	Kei Koizumi	No confirmation required
Office of Science and Technology Policy Legislative Affairs Director	Narda Jones	No confirmation required
State		
Deputy Secretary of State	Wendy Sherman	TBD
Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources	Brian McKeon	Confirmed on March 18
Under Secretary for Arms Control and International	Bonnie Jenkins	TBD

Security Affairs		
Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights	Uzra Zeya	TBD
Under Secretary for Political Affairs	Victoria Nuland	TBD
Treasury		
Deputy Secretary of the Treasury	Wally Adeyemo	Confirmed on March 25
Executive Secretary	Marti Adams	No confirmation required
Chief Speechwriter and Senior Advisor	Ryan Jacobs	No confirmation required
Chief of Staff	Didem Nisanci	No confirmation required
Counselor to the Secretary	Jacob Leibenluft	No confirmation required
Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs	Calvin Mitchell	No confirmation required
Deputy Chief of Staff	Alfred I. Johnson	No confirmation required
Deputy Chief of Staff	Julie Brinn Siegel	No confirmation required
Defense		
Deputy Secretary of Defense	Kathleen Hicks	Confirmed (voice) on February 8
Undersecretary of Defense for Policy	Colin Kahl	TBD
Director of the Central Intelligence Agency	William Burns	Confirmed on March 18

Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency	David Cohen	TBD
Justice		
Deputy Attorney General	Lisa Monaco	TBD
Associate Attorney General	Vanita Gupta	No confirmation required
Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division	Kristen Clarke	TBD
FBI Director	Christopher Wray	TBD
Interior		
Deputy Secretary of the Interior	Elizabeth Klein	TBD
Agriculture		
Deputy Secretary of Agriculture	Dr. Jewel Bronaugh	TBD
Commerce		
Deputy Secretary of Commerce	Don Graves	TBD
Labor		
Information not yet available.		
Health and Human Services		
Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services	Andrea Palm	TBD
Assistant Secretary for Health	Dr. Rachel Levine	Confirmed on March 24

Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Dr. Rochelle Walensky	No confirmation required
Surgeon General	Dr. Vivek Murthy	Confirmed on March 22
Director of National Institutes of Health	Dr. Francis Collins	TBD
HUD		
Information not yet available.		
Transportation		
Deputy Secretary of Transportation	Polly Trottenberg	TBD
Energy		
Senior Advisor to the Secretary	Christopher Davis	No confirmation required
Director, Office of Technology Transitions (Chief Commercialization Officer)	Vanessa Z. Chan	No confirmation required
Commissioner of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	Richard Glick	TBD
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy	Jennifer Wilcox	No confirmation required
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy	Kelly Speakes-Backman	No confirmation required
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs	Ali Nouri	No confirmation required

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Affairs	Andrew Light	No confirmation required
Education		
Deputy Secretary of Education	Cindy Marten	TBD
Veterans Affairs		
General Counsel of Veterans Affairs	Richard Sauber	TBD (Announced February 19)
Homeland Security		
FEMA Administrator	Deanne Criswell	TBD
Environmental Protection Agency		
Deputy Environmental Protection Agency Administrator	Janet McCabe	TBD
Associate Administrator for Policy	Victoria Arroyo	No confirmation required
United States Agency for International Development		
USAID Administrator	Samantha Power	TBD
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau		
Director of the CFPB	Rohit Chopra	TBD
Securities Exchange Commission		
Chair of the SEC	Gary Gensler	TBD

White House Personnel

Office of the Chief of Staff

- White House Chief of Staff – **Ron Klain**

Press Office

- White House Press Secretary – **Jen Psaki**
- Assistant Press Secretary – **Rosemary Boeglin**

COVID-19 Response Team

- COVID-19 Response Team Deputy Chief of Staff – **Rosa Po**
- Senior Advisor to the COVID-19 Response Coordinator – **Andy Slavitt**
- Chief Science Officer – **Dr. David Kessler**
- COVID-19 Senior Policy Advisor – **Sonya Bernstein**
- COVID-19 Policy Advisor – **Osaremen Okolo**
- Policy Advisor – **Amy Chang**
- Vaccinations Coordinator – **Bechara Choucair**
- COVID-19 Intergovernmental Affairs Director – **Eduardo Cisneros**
- COVID-19 Digital Director – **Clarke Humphrey**
- Testing Coordinator – **Carole Johnson**
- Policy Advisor for Testing – **Vidur Sharma**
- Supply Coordinator – **Tim Manning**
- Director of Strategic Communications and Engagement – **Courtney Rowe**
- Deputy Director of Strategic Communications & Engagement – **Ben Wakana**
- COVID-19 Data Director – **Dr. Cyrus Shahpar**
- Senior Policy Advisor for COVID-19 Equity – **Dr. Cameron Webb**

National Security Council

- Chief of Staff and Executive Secretary – **Yohannes Abraham**

Office of Legislative Affairs

- Special Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff for the Office of Legislative Affairs – **Kaitlyn Hobbs Demers**
- Special Assistant to the President and Senate Legislative Affairs Liaison – **Zephranie Buetow**
- Special Assistant to the President and House Legislative Affairs Liaisons – **Ashley Jones, Alicia Molt-West, Angela Ramirez and Lee Slater**

Office of Presidential Personnel

- Chief of Staff for the Office of Presidential Personnel – **Rachel Wallace**

Office of Scheduling & Advance

- Director of Presidential Scheduling – **Lisa Kohnke**

White House Council on Environmental Quality

- Senior Director for Environmental Justice – **Dr. Cecilia Martinez**

NOTE: Additional information can be made available by request.