Mark Fowler was appointed as Alabama’s Acting Commissioner by Gov. Kay Ivey on July 1, 2022. He was appointed Commissioner effective January 16, 2023.

As chief administrator for the Alabama Department of Insurance (DOI), Commissioner Fowler leads the DOI in fulfilling its mission to serve the people of Alabama by regulating the insurance industry, providing consumer protection, promoting market stability, and enforcing state fire safety standards and laws. During Mark’s tenure as legislative liaison, the Department has been successful in enacting more than forty (40) bills plus assisting in the enactment of several industry sponsored bills that were supported by the Department. In his role as Commissioner of Insurance, he also serves as a member of the Alabama Securities Commission.

Commissioner Fowler joined the DOI in February 2013, previously serving as Deputy Commissioner/Chief of Staff. Before joining the DOI, he worked for 28 years in government and public affairs, as well as association management, both at the state and federal levels. Commissioner Fowler served 17 years as an association executive director in Alabama, working with industries such as chemical manufacturing, cable/broadband telecommunications, and agribusiness. He also worked for five years in the Washington, DC, area, first as a legislative assistant to the late Sen. Howell Heflin and then as a congressional liaison for Rockwell International, a major defense and aerospace company.

Aside from his professional career, Commissioner Fowler is a co-host of the Bluegrass Revival Jam, a bluegrass music event in Montgomery, AL. He also has served as a board member and treasurer of Legacy, Partners in Environmental Education, and as a board member of the Alabama Civil Justice Reform Committee. He is past president of the Auburn University Montgomery Alumni Association and former host of a weekly gospel music radio program.

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Wing-Heier has approximately 30 years of experience in the insurance industry, which includes experience as a broker and an agent. She most recently served as the director of risk management at a large ANCSA corporation where she designed and implemented a comprehensive enterprise-wide risk management program. Wing-Heier also served as senior vice-president at a national brokerage, working with Alaskan entities throughout the state, and as president of the Alaska Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers, Inc.

Wing-Heier attended North Central Michigan College and holds the Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC) and Certified Risk Manager (CRM) designations.

As Director of the Alaska Division of Insurance, Wing-Heier oversees and enforces the Division’s mission to regulate the insurance industry to protect Alaskan consumers.

Wing-Heier is a 30-year resident of Alaska. She makes her home with her family in Anchorage, where the Insurance Director position is located.
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CEO Richardson previously served as the Insurance Commissioner for Nevada from March 2016 to December 2022. Prior to her Nevada role, she worked for the New Hampshire Insurance Department as Director of Operations and Fraud for 12 years. She also has held positions at CNA Insurance, Kemper Financial, the Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago, and Putnam Securities.

CEO Richardson previously served on the NAIC’s various committees, task forces, and working groups. She served as chair of the NAIC System for Electronic Rates & Forms Filing (SERFF) Advisory Board and as co-vice chair of the Climate and Resiliency (EX) Task Force.

CEO Richardson is a graduate of Vassar College. She earned a law degree from the University of New Hampshire School of Law and a master’s degree in business administration (MBA) from Loyola University (Chicago, IL).

The Arizona DIFI oversees the secure operation of Arizona’s state-chartered financial institutions. It ensures public confidence in financial institutions by protecting the interest of depositors, borrowers, shareholders, and consumers through the enforcement of state laws. The DIFI is responsible for administering state laws that regulate financial institutions, which include banks, credit unions, trust companies, and trust divisions.

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Most recently, McClain served as Commissioner of the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS). In this role, which he assumed in 2015, he administered the day-to-day operations of ARS, which administers the Federal Vocational Rehabilitation Act.

McClain has also served on the Arkansas Workforce Development Board and the Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities. He is a past president of the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards & Commissions and the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation.

He holds an undergraduate degree from Hendrix College and a master’s in Public Administration from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

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As Senator, Lara expanded protections for disaster survivors from losing their homes to insurance cancellation and nonrenewal. He wrote the nation's first climate insurance law, SB 30, to engage the insurance industry in the fight against climate-linked environmental disasters like wildfires and sea level rise. Lara is one of California's most effective environmental champions, working to improve health conditions and rein in air pollution.

Lara received the United Nations 2017 Climate and Clean Air Award with former Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. and the California Air Resources Board for his work to reduce super pollutants.

Lara authored the Health4All Kids Act, which now covers 250,000 California children with full-scope health care regardless of their immigration status. He also authored laws that help prevent prescription drug abuse and crack down on patient brokering and fraud involving Californians recovering from substance abuse disorders.

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As Commissioner, Conway serves as the chief executive of the DOI and oversees the regulation of Colorado’s insurance industry. His role brings together consumers, the insurance industry and other stakeholders to create an inclusive, firm and fair regulatory approach to all lines of insurance such as auto, health, homeowners, life, property and casualty, title and workers’ compensation.

Conway served as the DOI Deputy Commissioner for Consumer and Compliance Services since March 2016. He was instrumental in developing and guiding the DOI’s strategies regarding health insurance during what was a tumultuous time for that industry. He advised the previous Commissioner and the Governor’s staff regarding the possible implications of federal changes to the regulation of health insurance in Colorado. His duties also entailed appearing before state legislative committees to advocate for the DOI’s positions regarding insurance and its regulation. He cultivated relationships with consumer groups and insurance industry to create a regulatory environment that helped Colorado consumers but was a fair, level playing field for the industry. He also worked within the DOI to establish objectives that provided for better protection of insurance consumers.

From 2010 to 2016, Conway was an assistant Attorney General for the Colorado State Attorney General's Office, where he represented the DOI in all facets of regulation of the insurance industry including mergers and acquisitions of insurance companies, insurer rehabilitation/liquidation, and producer and company licensure litigation. While in the Attorney General’s Office, he worked with the Colorado Attorney General Pro Bono Family Law Clinic, advising clients on matters of divorce and child custody. He also worked as an attorney for Colorado Legal Services, advocating for indigent clients regarding housing rights, homelessness prevention, evictions and subsidized housing.

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Mais also serves on the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) Macroprudential and Executive Committees. The IAIS is the international standard-setting body responsible for developing and assisting in the supervision of the insurance sector.

Mais has led discussions in several forums on race, diversity, and inclusion at the state level and within the insurance industry and in insurance practices. He has also joined the efforts led by Governor Ned Lamont and Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz to address social inequities in Connecticut, including the Council on Women and Girls and cultural competency initiatives.

Mais previously was a member of Deloitte’s Center for Financial Services, providing industry-leading thought leadership and insight on U.S. and international regulatory affairs.

Prior to that, he was a Director at the New York State Insurance Department. There he served four governors as part of the Department’s senior leadership team through numerous events, including the financial crisis of 2008 and major state and federal changes in health insurance regulations and laws.

Even outside the government, Mais has dedicated much of his life to public service. He most recently served as chair of the Council on Ethics for the town of Wilton, CT, where he lives. Other recent service includes the Maritime Aquarium of Norwalk; the American Red Cross; the Board of Finance of the Town of Wilton; and the Rotary Club of Wilton.
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The Department offers free Medicare counseling services and works on the Health Insurance Marketplace, provides arbitration services to residents, and fights and prevents fraud. The Department also works to ensure insurance companies are financially sound, licenses more than 220,000 individuals in related professions, proposes the state’s workers’ compensation rates, helps more than a thousand companies create safer workplaces to lower their insurance rates by over $7 million, and so much more.

During the Commissioner’s term in office, the Department has made great strides. He has increased department diversity and internal promotions. In 2017, the Commissioner worked with the General Assembly to pass House Substitute 1 to House Bill 80, a signature piece of legislation that ends discrimination in auto insurance policies. The law ensures that neither race, age, gender, economic status, nor other personal characteristics impact the cost of auto policies.

In 2020, the office reduced Health Insurance Marketplace rates for the second time in the state’s history, leading to a 5% increase in enrollment, and returned $21.5 million in premiums to individuals and small businesses. The department completed two of the state’s first Mental Health Parity examinations, assessing $597,000 in penalties. Businesses saved $4 million in workers’ compensation premiums due to a double digit decrease in rates, and another decrease was approved for 2021.

A lifelong Delawarean, Commissioner Navarro has an extensive record of public service. He served for 20 years with the New Castle County Police and was elected New Castle County Sheriff in 2010. While a police officer, he received the department’s distinguished Medal of Valor.

Commissioner Navarro serves as chair of the NAIC’s Northeast Zone and member of the Executive (EX) Committee; chair of the Antifraud (D) Task Force; and vice chair of the Market Regulation and Consumer Affairs (D) Committee.

Additionally, Commissioner Navarro serves on many state boards such as the Delaware Health Care Commission, the State Employees Benefits Committee (SEBC), the Plans Management Board, the Council on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, and the Primary Care Reform Collaborative.

Commissioner Navarro has two daughters, Kylie and Hannah, and one son, Jordan. He resides in Bear, DE with his wife Melissa and youngest daughter Hannah.
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The Insurance Commissioner is considered the agency head for purposes of final agency action for all areas within the regulatory authority delegated to the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR).

Prior to his nomination, Commissioner Yaworsky served as vice chairman of the Florida Gaming Control Commission and as the OIR’s chief of staff from 2017 to 2021. As the OIR’s chief of staff, he assisted in overseeing one of the largest insurance markets in the world by serving as a policy advisor to the Commissioner and managing agency fiscal matters and administrative operations. Prior to joining the OIR, he served as legal counsel for the Georgia Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner.

Commissioner Yaworsky serves on the board of directors for Family Promise of the Big Bend, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping families experiencing homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response.

Commissioner Yaworsky earned a Juris Doctor (J.D) from Samford University’s Cumberland School of Law (Homewood, AL) and a bachelor’s degree in social science from Florida State University.

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His public service career began as an intern in the FL Senate and the United Kingdom’s House of Commons. After graduation, Governor Lawton Chiles appointed him to the FL Elections Commission, and he was reappointed by Governor Jeb Bush. He served in the FL House of Representatives from 2006 to 2014, representing his hometown region in the FL Panhandle. He was appointed to serve on FL’s Public Service Commission, as well as the Constitution Revision Commission, which meets once every 20 years to propose changes to the state constitution.

Recognized for outstanding leadership in his hometown of Panama City and throughout FL, he is committed to active civic engagement and business development. He has chaired the Greater Panama City Beach Chamber of Commerce’s Economic Development Council, served on the board of the Bay County Economic Development Alliance, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the Bay County Chapter of the FL Restaurant and Lodging Association, and national president for the FL Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. He is a former trustee of the Gulf Coast Medical Center, and former director of the Bay Medical Center’s Foundation and Gulf Coast Community College Foundation Board. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Northwest FL Beaches International Airport in Panama City and has served as chairman and a board member of Bay County-Panama City International Airport and Industrial District.

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Before becoming Commissioner, King spent his career in law enforcement, beginning as an Atlanta police officer in 1985 and culminating as Chief of Police for the City of Doraville. While at the Atlanta Police Department, he worked various assignments including Red Dog, Organized Crime/Intelligence, and received the Chief’s Blue Star in 1987 for being injured in the line of duty as a result of a criminal attack with a firearm. His career also includes assignments to both FBI and DEA as a Task Force Agent.

A native of Mexico, King made a meaningful impact by building bridges among Doraville’s diverse populations and implementing youth education and crime-prevention programs in his role as Chief of Police. Recognizing the international composition of Doraville’s community, King made it a priority to hire bilingual police officers, place multiple languages on police cars, and ensure effective translators and public defenders were employed at the City Courthouse. Commissioner King’s initiatives include Anti-Gang education programs for elementary school students and parents. He worked with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to establish an education program for prospective small business entrepreneurs and worked with state, county, and local leaders to implement a safety and speed reduction program targeted to Buford Highway to reduce the number of pedestrian fatalities. Commissioner King is also a member of Leadership DeKalb.

In addition to his former roles in the Atlanta and Doraville Police Departments, King retired as a Major General in the U.S. Army following his final assignment to NORAD and U.S. Northern Command. King was the former Commander of the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and has deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Africa. He served as the Military Advisor to the Deputy Minister of Interior for Security for Afghanistan, who oversaw an agency of over 96,000 police officers.

While serving on Active Duty and the National Guard, King earned numerous awards for his achievements. King received the Combat Action Badge for his service in Iraq and the Combat Infantry Badge for service in Afghanistan. Other awards and decorations include Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (2) Award, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, El Salvador Gold Medal for Achievement, and the Afghanistan Barial 2nd Degree Medal.

King received his Bachelor’s of Arts degree in criminal justice and public administration from Brenau University and a Master’s Degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He graduated from Harvard University Senior Executives in National Security and Syracuse University National Security Decision Making Course. Commissioner King was a graduate of class #229 in the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA, and also a graduate of the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange program to Israel (GILEE).

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He was previously appointed Insurance Commissioner by Governor Linda Lingle (July 2010), Governor Neil Abercrombie (January 2011) and Governor David Ige (January 2015).

Ito served as NAIC secretary-treasurer in 2018. He was a recipient of the Robert Dineen award in 2020.

Ito was chair of the NAIC Western Zone from 2013 to 2015; he also served as chair of the International Regulatory Cooperation (G) Working Group and the Information Systems Task Force (EX1).

Prior to his appointment, Ito served as chief deputy insurance commissioner from 2000 to 2010 and from 2019 to 2022. He was supervising attorney of the Insurance Division from 1993 to 2000.

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At the time of his appointment as Director, Cameron was serving his 13th term as senator for District 27 as the most senior member of the Idaho Senate. He was serving his 8th term as the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, which meets jointly with the House Appropriations Committee to set the budget for the state of Idaho.

He was the co-chair of a task force on health care and has sponsored nearly 20 pieces of health care legislation in his 24 years of service in the Idaho Senate.

Cameron was also former chairman of the Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee, which handles all banking, business and insurance issues. He was the senior member of that committee until his resignation.

He earned an associate degree in arts and science at Ricks College in Rexburg, ID (now BYU-Idaho), majoring in political science.

Cameron was born in Burley, ID, and served a church mission to Portugal. Cameron and his wife, Linda, have three married children and seven grandchildren.
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Beard was previously appointed by the Governor of Indiana as an advisory member of the Legal and Insurance Advisory Council to the Indiana Executive Council on Cybersecurity. Beard has worked with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) and the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Commission (IIPRC), and previously served as a member on the IIPRC Regulatory Counsel Committee. She holds the designation of Associate Professional in Insurance Regulation (APIR).

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Commissioner Ommen has a strong public service background. Prior to his appointment, he served as Deputy Insurance Commissioner at the Iowa Insurance Division from August 2013 to December 2016. He also served in the Missouri Department of Insurance (DOI) from 2005 to 2008. As Missouri’s Insurance Director, he was instrumental in several key regulatory reforms.

Commissioner Ommen’s dedication and desire to serve the public began in seeking justice for victims of fraud. As an assistant attorney general and then as chief counsel in the Missouri Attorney General’s Office, he led the fight to protect consumers over three decades.

Commissioner Ommen earned his law degree from the Saint Louis University School of Law. He is licensed to practice law in Iowa and Missouri.
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It was her experience as a pharmacist that drew her to run for the Kansas Legislature, where she served for 14 years as a state senator, including 12 years as a member of the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee and six years as chair of the Public Health and Welfare Committee.

Commissioner Schmidt currently serves as vice chair of the NAIC Midwest Zone and co-vice chair of the Financial Regulation Standards and Accreditation (F) Committee. She also serves as a member of the Life Insurance and Annuities (A) Committee, International Insurance Relations (G) Committee, and the National Insurance Producer Registry (NIPR) Board of Directors.

Since joining the NAIC, she has chaired the Property and Casualty Insurance (C) Committee, and also served as a member of the Health Insurance and Managed Care (B) Committee, and the Market Regulation and Consumer Affairs (D) Committee. She is a former member of the Management Committee for the Interstate Insurance Compact, and a former member of the NAIC System for Electronic Rates and Forms Filing (SERFF) Advisory Board.

Commissioner Schmidt and her high school sweetheart, Michael Schmidt, MD, have been married for over 45 years. She graduated from KU’s School of Pharmacy and has worked more than 40 years as a local pharmacist. They made their home in Topeka, where they raised their two sons. They are also proud grandparents of four.
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Commissioner Clark was the first director of the DOI’s Consumer Protection and Education Division, a position she held for five years. Under her leadership, the Department hired its first ombudsman, added consumer education and outreach functions, as well as strengthened enforcement efforts by expanding the number of consumer complaint investigators.

Commissioner Clark served as the chair of the Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange Advisory Board during its inaugural year and continues as a board member. She is a member of the Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board and during her first tenure as Commissioner served as an officer of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) and chair of the NAIC’s Market Regulation and Consumer Affairs Committee. Clark was also an officer for the NAIC’s Southeastern Zone and a past secretary-treasurer for the National Insurance Producer Registry Board.

For 2023 Commissioner Clark is a member of the NAIC Executive (EX) Committee and the Internal Administration (EX1) Subcommittee and serves as vice chair of the Financial Regulation Standards and Accreditation (F) Committee, vice chair of the Producer Licensing (D) Task Force, chair of the Regulatory Framework (B) Task Force, a member of the Market Regulation and Consumer Affairs (D) Committee and serves on various other task force groups. She is also a member of the of the National Insurance Producer Registry (NIPR) Board of Directors.

Prior to being appointed Insurance Commissioner, Clark worked at the Finance and Administration Cabinet. She also held positions for the Kentucky House of Representatives, the Public Service Commission, and the former Workforce Development Cabinet.

She earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Kentucky.

Clark and her husband have two daughters and four grandchildren.

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Commissioner Temple has worked in the insurance sector for more than two decades. He is dedicated to leveraging his extensive industry experience to shape a regulatory and statutory environment that not only ensures competitiveness, but also enhances the attractiveness of Louisiana’s insurance market.

As the state’s top insurance official, Commissioner Temple is committed to protecting the interests of policyholders while promoting a flourishing insurance market that benefits all residents and businesses in Louisiana.

Prior to becoming Insurance Commissioner, he served as president of Temptan, a family-owned investment management business in Baton Rouge, LA. Additionally, Commissioner Temple is a former chair of the Louisiana Committee of 100 for Economic Development, working outside of government to provide leadership and resources with a focus on growing Louisiana’s economy.
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He is a member of the NAIC’s Financial Condition (E) Committee and the Financial Regulation Standards and Accreditation (F) Committee, and participates in several working groups and task forces. Prior to joining the Bureau of Insurance, Schott served as a criminal prosecutor in Iowa for more than 13 years.

Schott is a graduate of Drake University Law School. He also earned a Master’s Degree in Mass Communication from Drake University and a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration from the University of Southern Maine.

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From 2002 until 2007, Commissioner Birrane served in the Maryland Office of the Attorney General in the statutory position of Principal Counsel to the Maryland Insurance Administration. In that role, she managed all of the legal work of the agency, both in its capacity as regulator and as a unit of state government. During her tenure as Principal Counsel, she served on numerous work groups and task forces of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. After leaving the OAG, and before joining DLA Piper, Commissioner Birrane was a Senior Vice President and General Counsel of portfolio companies owned by major hedge funds that specialized in asset consulting, acquisition, diligence, and the servicing of insurance-linked investments.

In 2019, Governor Hogan appointed Commissioner Birrane to the University of Maryland Medical System Board of Directors, where she served as chair of the Governance and Nominations Committee before resigning upon her appointment as Commissioner. She is a member of numerous community and nonprofit organizations, including the Baltimore Bar Foundation, Baltimore Area Women in Action, Catholic Charities of Baltimore, and the United Way of Central Maryland where she serves on the Executive Committee of Women United.

Commissioner Birrane was named to the Top 100 Women of Maryland by the Daily Record in 2002 and 2019.

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Commissioner Anderson oversees the Massachusetts insurance market, which has historically ranked near the top 10 largest insurance markets in the U.S. and is the 27th largest insurance market globally.

He joined the Massachusetts Division of Insurance as its First Deputy Commissioner in February 2014. His responsibilities included strategic planning and policy development for all aspects of the agency, while assisting in decision-making and policy development in matters involving all lines of insurance and developing and advocating legislative and policy priorities.

His insurance experience began in 1999 with a regional carrier in the northwestern U.S. Prior to his role as the First Deputy, Commissioner Anderson served as a policy advisor and senior counsel in the Massachusetts State Senate President’s office, where he was involved in several policy areas, from the state’s broad efforts to control health care costs to all matters affecting the financial services sector.

Commissioner Anderson serves on the NAIC Government Relations Leadership Council, the Financial Regulation Standards and Accreditation (F) Committee, and the Audit Committee. Additionally, he has chaired the NAIC International Insurance Relations (G) Committee since 2019. He also serves on the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) Executive Committee as its vice chair and on the IAIS Policy Development Committee (PDC), which he chaired from 2020 to 2022.

Commissioner Anderson earned a Juris Doctor (J.D.) from Albany Law School of Union University (Albany, NY) and a bachelor’s degree in history from Idaho State University.
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Ms. Fox has more than three decades of legal experience, including managing complex litigation in federal and state courts in Michigan and nationwide. She is a recognized authority in insurance coverage. She has lectured for Mealy's Insurance in the U.S. and abroad, in addition to teaching Insurance Law at Michigan State University College of Law.

Ms. Fox was inducted into the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel. She has also served in a staff advisory role on several U.S. Presidential campaigns and was appointed by Governor Jennifer Granholm to serve as board member and legal counsel for a number of charitable foundations.
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Prior to her appointment as Commissioner, she served as Deputy Commissioner of Insurance for the Commerce Department. In that role, she oversaw the life insurance, health insurance, and property and casualty insurance markets in Minnesota, ensuring that Minnesotans’ insurance complies with Minnesota law and that insurance companies are financially strong.

Commissioner Arnold spent nearly a decade at the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services where she helped lead the technology turnaround of healthcare.gov and led policy development during the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Before joining the Department, Commissioner Arnold led product development for individual and family plans at Bright Health, a Minneapolis-based health insurer.

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His priorities in office are focused on consumer protection, healthcare, and fire protection. To that end, Chaney is making strides in healthcare reform; disaster recovery from flood, tornado and hurricane events; bail bond industry reform and reductions in state fire deaths. He has worked tirelessly to stabilize rates since Hurricane Katrina devastated the Mississippi Gulf Coast in 2005.

Chaney has served on two hospital boards – experience that is invaluable given the increased focus on healthcare that the Mississippi Insurance Department has seen in recent years. He has also served on bank and economic boards and worked on local and national Chamber of Commerce events. Insurance touches every aspect of life including the economy. Without insurance, no economic project would be financed and, therefore, no jobs created.

An active member of the NAIC, Chaney has served on numerous committees, task forces and working groups. Among the issues he is involved in addressing are examination oversight, accounting practices, producer licensing, health insurance and managed care, senior issues, catastrophe and property and casualty insurance.

As Commissioner, Chaney was inducted into the Insurance Hall of Fame at his alma mater, Mississippi State University (MSU). He received the Distinguished Service Award from the University of Mississippi Risk Management and Insurance program and its Professional Society. He has been named one of the top insurance professionals by Insurance Business America Magazine, and was named a Healthcare Hero by the Mississippi Business Journal.

Chaney started an oil distribution business in Vicksburg in the 1970s. He eventually moved into the wood preservation business and real estate ventures before his election to the House of Representatives in 1993. After his election to the Senate in 2000, Chaney served on the Insurance Committee. This appointment combined with his business experience provided significant knowledge useful in his service as Insurance Commissioner.

Chaney is a Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow. He is a veteran of the United States Army, serving in Vietnam. A native of Tupelo, Chaney graduated from MSU in 1966 with a degree in banking and finance. Chaney and his wife, Mary live in Vicksburg. They have three children and eight grandchildren.
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She has served in several senior positions in the legislative, judicial and executive branches of government. She has also served in leadership roles in the regulatory and insurance industries, as well as within the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). In addition to Missouri, she has worked for both the Kentucky Department of Insurance and the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, and for the NAIC.

She holds an undergraduate degree from Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts and a law degree from the University of Connecticut. Chlora is licensed to practice law in various states, including Missouri. She has received national recognition for her work. As the Deputy Commissioner of Tennessee’s Department of Commerce and Insurance, she was awarded the Robert Dineen Award for Outstanding Service and Contribution to the State Regulation of Insurance. In August of 2020, she received the Al Greer Award for her exceptional dedication, knowledge and support of the field of insurance regulation by the Insurance Examiners Regulatory Society (IRES).

Director Lindley-Myers was the 2023 President of the NAIC. She continues to serve on the Executive (EX) Committee and the Government Relations Leadership Council. Chlora currently also serves in additional leadership roles with the NAIC: Chair of the Reinsurance (E) Task Force, Co-Chair of the Special (EX) Committee on Race and Insurance, and Vice Chair of the Internal Administration (EX1) Subcommittee, as well as serving as a member of many additional NAIC committees.
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As State Auditor, Downing also serves on the Montana Board of Land Commissioners overseeing management and stewardship of state trust lands for the primary benefit of funding Montana’s public education system.

Downing began his career in education as a research scientist and educator at the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences at New York University. In the 1990s, he founded a technology startup company that he successfully merged with Yahoo! Inc. Downing then went on to help other startup companies succeed through seed funding and mentorship. After his career in the tech industry, Downing founded a nationwide commercial insurance company and a nationwide real estate firm that creates, sells, and manages real estate investment securities.

Downing’s strong sense of public service led him to enlist after 9/11 in the U.S. Air Force/Air National Guard, serving eight years in a Combat Search and Rescue squadron and serving two tours of duty in Afghanistan. Today, he continues his service to veterans as an advisory board member to and volunteer for the Warriors and Quiet Waters Foundation, a Montana-based organization that uses fly fishing and Montana’s natural beauty as a simple, but powerfully effective, healing therapy for post-9/11 combat veterans and their families. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, and as a Montana distillery co-owner, he produced and distributed millions of hand sanitizer bottles across the nation.

Downing and his wife, Heather, have four children and currently live in Helena, MT.
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Governor Jim Pillen appointed Eric Dunning as Director of Insurance effective January 5, 2023. Prior to his appointment, Eric served as Director of Insurance and before that, as the director of government affairs at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska. He has over 15 years of experience as an attorney for the Department of Insurance, having advised the agency leadership on legal matters pertaining to insurance regulation from 1998 to 2013.

Eric earned his bachelor of arts in History from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa, and he holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Notre Dame Law School. Eric currently serves as Treasurer of the Nebraskaland Foundation.

In his spare time, Eric enjoys spending time at his family’s place in Wheler County, Nebraska. He is happily married with two children.

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As Commissioner, Kipper is charged with protecting consumers’ rights and the public’s interest in dealings with the insurance industry.

Commissioner Kipper has more than 30 years of experience in the insurance industry, including prior stints as Nevada Insurance Commissioner from 2008 to 2010 and again from 2011 to 2015. He most recently served as the Deputy Commissioner for Operations for the State of Washington Office of the Insurance Commissioner. Prior to that, he founded a private consulting firm providing technical expertise on insurance issues, serving clients nationwide. He also has served as the Insurance Administrator of the Oregon Insurance Division, Deputy Commissioner at the Office of Health Insurance for the Louisiana Department of Insurance (DOI), and Senior Regional Director for State Affairs at America’s Health Insurance Plans (AHIP).

Commissioner Kipper earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of Wyoming.

The Nevada Division of Insurance, a division of the Nevada Department of Business and Industry, regulates Nevada’s $22 billion insurance industry. It regulates and licenses insurance producers, brokers, and other professionals; sets ethical and financial standards for insurance companies; and reviews rates. It also reviews programs operated by self-insured employers for workers’ compensation and investigates insurance fraud claims.
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David J. (D.J.) Bettencourt was confirmed Commissioner of the New Hampshire Insurance Department effective Sept. 20, 2023. Bettencourt assumed the position of Acting Commissioner, per New Hampshire’s statute, after Commissioner Chris Nicolopoulos did not seek reappointment upon the conclusion of his term.

From 2004 to 2012, Bettencourt served in the New Hampshire House of Representatives, focusing on tax, education, and insurance-related issues. In 2010, he was elected by his colleagues as the youngest majority leader in state history. He was nominated for the position of Deputy Commissioner of the New Hampshire Insurance Department by Commissioner Nicolopoulos and approved by Gov. Christopher T. Sununu (R-NH) in January 2021. Previously, Deputy Commissioner Bettencourt served as Gov. Sununu’s Policy Director from 2017 to 2021, including as the Governor’s liaison to the Insurance Department.

Bettencourt earned two bachelor’s degrees in political science and communication, with a minor in philosophy from the University of New Hampshire (Durham, NH) in 2007. He then earned a Juris Doctor (J.D.) from the University of New Hampshire School of Law in 2015.
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Zimmerman joined the Department in January 2018, serving as the Department’s Chief of Staff, where he oversaw the executive management team and managed all aspects of the department’s policy implementation, under the direction of the Commissioner.

During his tenure as Chief of Staff, the department developed and implemented numerous consumer protections and programs impacting countless New Jerseyans, including New Jersey’s out of network law, student loan protections, mortgage servicers licensing, expanding access to reproductive health care and Get Covered New Jersey. Since its inception in 2020, Get Covered New Jersey transformed New Jersey’s health insurance landscape for consumers in the individual market, ensuring that more New Jerseyans have greater access to quality, affordable health insurance. New Jersey was the first in the nation to open its marketplace with enhanced state subsidies that lower premiums for most enrollees.

Zimmerman also coordinated the Department’s COVID-19 response, working with regulated entities across all sectors to provide relief to New Jersey’s residents during the pandemic, ranging from insurance premium relief and mortgage forbearance to student loan relief and the expansion of telemedicine without cost sharing.

Acting Commissioner Zimmerman has built an extensive career in public service. Prior to joining Governor Murphy’s Administration, Zimmerman served as Chief of Policy and Legislation to the New Jersey State Senate President Pro Tempore, where he focused on expanding access to quality affordable healthcare for New Jerseyans, expansion of voting rights and civil rights. He began his career as a public servant working as a Briefing Aide to Governor Jon Corzine and Director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs for the New Jersey Department of State. Prior to joining government service, he was an organizer in Morris County, New Jersey and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Zimmerman was born and raised in New Jersey, growing up in Essex and Union Counties. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Mary Washington College. He lives in Verona with his wife, Laura, and their two children.

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Ms. Kane served previously as the Vice President and Senior Adviser to the General Counsel at Guardian Life Insurance Company from March 2020 to October 2022. Ms. Kane focused on insurance regulatory matters, representing clients before the New York State Department of Financial Services and other state insurance departments. Prior to that role, she served as Counsel at Clifford Chance US LLP, where she advised property and casualty, life, and health insurance clients on a wide range of regulatory and transactional matters. Ms. Kane previously served as the group general counsel at two Fortune 100 insurers, Zurich Insurance Group, and New York Life Insurance Company, where she led teams of in-house and outside counsel on complex M&A transactions, settled major government and insurance department investigations, and spearheaded the successful resolution of SEC enforcement actions, among other regulatory and governance matters. She served as executive vice president in charge of asset management for New York Life and as president of the mutual fund business for American General’s Variable Life and Annuity Division. She also founded a woman- and minority-owned institutional asset management business, Blaylock Asset Management.

Over the past several years, she monitored both international and national insurance regulatory reforms at both the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). She also represented clients on US health care reform before the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CMS), a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
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Adrienne A. Harris was nominated to lead the New York State Department of Financial Services (DFS) by Governor Kathy Hochul in August 2021. She was confirmed by the New York State Senate on January 25, 2022.

Superintendent Harris began her career as an Associate at Sullivan and Cromwell LLP in New York City representing a number of U.S. and non-U.S. based corporations in various forms of litigation and regulatory matters, before accepting a position at the United States Department of the Treasury under President Obama.

While at the Treasury Department, Superintendent Harris served as a Senior Advisor to both Acting Deputy Secretary and Under Secretary for Domestic Finance Mary Miller, and Deputy Secretary Sarah Bloom Raskin. Her work ranged from financial reform efforts to identifying solutions to the student loan crisis, analyzing the nexus between foreign investment and national security, and working to promote financial inclusion and health in communities throughout the country.

Following her time at the Treasury Department, Superintendent Harris joined the White House, where she was appointed as Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, as part of the National Economic Council. In this role, Superintendent Harris managed the financial services portfolio, which included developing and executing strategies for financial reform and the implementation of Dodd-Frank, consumer protections for the American public, cybersecurity and housing finance reform priorities.

After leaving the White House in January 2017, Superintendent Harris went on to serve as General Counsel and Chief Business Officer at States Title, Inc. (now DOMA), which provides a more simple and affordable closing experience.

Prior to being nominated, Superintendent Harris also served as a Professor and as Faculty Co-Director at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy's Center on Finance, Law and Policy at the University of Michigan, as well as a Senior Advisor at the Brunswick Group in Washington, D.C.
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Term of Office:
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November 8, 2016
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North Carolina Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Mike Causey has been a small businessman, insurance agent, and insurance agency owner with 25 years in the insurance industry.

He’s a native of Guilford County and still lives in the same house on the Causey family farm where he grew up.

Commissioner Causey learned the values of hard work growing up on the family farm. After going off to school and serving the U.S. Army, Mike worked as a field engineer in the construction industry and then began his career in the insurance industry where he learned virtually every facet of the insurance industry - working as an agency manager, as superintendent of agencies and owning his own agency.

Commissioner Causey enjoys serving the citizens of North Carolina as the NC Department of Insurance meets the insurance and safety needs of North Carolina families and businesses.

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In service to the citizens of North Dakota, Godfread has prioritized consumer advocacy, ensuring North Dakotans are better aware of the services offered by the Insurance Department beyond industry regulation. He has also worked to restructure the department for efficient, effective use of tax-payer dollars, along with employee satisfaction.

On a national level, Godfread has been an active voice in discussions about insurance regulations including use of technology, air ambulance service, and healthcare reinsurance. He currently serves as NAIC President-Elect and as a member of the Executive (EX) Committee.

Prior to serving as Insurance Commissioner, Godfread was most recently Vice President of Governmental Affairs for the Greater North Dakota Chamber in Bismarck. His background also includes banking and professional athletics. He has held prominent roles in discussions around the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), across-the-board tax reductions for North Dakotans, creation of the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund, K–12 education efforts and more.

Godfread earned a law degree and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of North Dakota in 2011. He earned his bachelor’s degree in business with honors from the University of Northern Iowa in 2005.
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Prior to becoming Director, French served as a justice of the Ohio Supreme Court and was the tenth woman to serve in that role in Ohio’s history. During her eight years on the court, Justice French participated in thousands of decisions and authored more than 100 opinions. In addition, she successfully pursued reforms to improve Ohio’s judiciary and justice system, and was appointed by the U.S. Chief Justice to serve on the Federal Appellate Rules Committee.

For nearly three decades, Director French has served the people of Ohio. Before becoming a justice, she served the state as an appellate judge, chief legal counsel to the governor, an assistant attorney general, and a state government lawyer. As an attorney representing the State of Ohio, she made two arguments before the United States Supreme Court.

Prior to joining the public sector, French worked as an attorney with the Columbus law firm of Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur, specializing in environmental law. She also served as in-house counsel for a large manufacturing company.

Director French received three degrees from The Ohio State University: a B.A. in political science, an M.A. in history (with a concentration in military history and strategic studies), and a J.D., with honors. She is a member of the Moritz College of Law National Council, and in 2018 was awarded the college’s Distinguished Jurist Award for her work on the bench.

French currently resides in Grandview Heights, near Columbus, with her husband. They have two children and two grandchildren.
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Commissioner Mulready started his insurance career as a broker in 1984 and later served in executive roles for Oklahoma’s two largest health insurance companies. In 2010, Mulready entered public service and was elected to represent West Tulsa, Jenks, and Glenpool in the Oklahoma House of Representatives. During his tenure in the house, Commissioner Mulready became a policy leader on many transformative insurance issues and held several roles, including, Insurance Committee chair and House Majority Floor Leader. In 2011, Governing Magazine named Mulready one of 17 “GOP Legislators to Watch Nationally.”

As Commissioner, Mulready has led initiatives to increase the number of health insurance carriers available to Oklahomans, bring more attention to consumer education, and remove burdensome regulation in the department’s administrative code. Since 2019, the Oklahoma Insurance Department has recovered over $20 million for Oklahoma consumers. Commissioner Mulready supports efforts to continue to apply best practices, modernize the department and embrace new technology to serve the people of Oklahoma better.

Commissioner Mulready has also been a leader nationally representing Oklahoma as chairman of the NAIC Midwest Zone and chairman of the Health Insurance and Managed Care (B) Committee. As a firm believer in the free market and a longtime advocate for affordable health care for all Oklahomans, Commissioner Mulready believes creating more choices for consumers will help reduce the number of uninsured Oklahomans and improve affordability in the insurance market. When he was first elected, only two plan options were available in the Oklahoma Health Insurance Marketplace. Currently, seven insurers are now offering products to Oklahoma consumers.

Moreover, Commissioner Mulready sponsored the original Insurance Business Transfer (IBT) Act, now law and is recognized as one of the most innovative insurance regulations in the country. Since 2020, the first two IBT transactions in United States history were completed in Oklahoma. In addition, Oklahoma is also focused on recruiting Captive Insurance domiciles. Over one-third of currently licensed captives came to Oklahoma during Commissioner Mulready’s first two years in office.

Commissioner Mulready and Sally, his wife of 34 years, are the proud parents of three college-aged sons: Sam, Jake, and Will. Commissioner Mulready is very active in the community, having served on numerous boards and committees, including Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund, March of Dimes, Shepherds Fold Ranch Christian Summer Camp, Crime Commission and Tulsa Tough. Commissioner Mulready and his wife were the recipients of Leadership Tulsa’s Paragon Award for their work with Big Brothers Big Sisters in 2018.
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Previously, Stolfi spent six years in Switzerland at the International Association of Insurance Supervisors, most recently serving as chief operating officer and chief counsel. He was responsible for leading the operations, legal, communications, finance, risk management, and human resources functions. He was also a key advisor to the association’s Executive Committee and served as its first communications officer.

Before joining the association, Stolfi served in various senior management roles at the Illinois Department of Insurance, including acting director, chief of staff, and special counsel for policy and legislative affairs. In Illinois, he developed and managed all aspects of the department’s legislative agenda and day-to-day operations.

Stolfi is an active participant at the NAIC, where he currently serves as vice chair of the Western Zone and a member of the Executive (EX) Committee. He also serves as chair of the NAIC/Consumer Liaison Committee, co-vice chair of the Climate and Resiliency (EX) Task Force, and vice chair of the Consumer Participation Board of Trustees.

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In his role, under the direction of Governor Shapiro, Humphreys has taken immediate steps to make mental health and substance use disorder parity a reality in the Commonwealth. Under Humphreys’ leadership, the Insurance Department has strengthened its review of mental health and substance use disorder coverage in 2024 health plans and launched a new round of market conduct examinations targeting insurer compliance with parity laws. These actions are intended to hold insurers accountable so that benefits are covered fairly.

Humphreys joined the Pennsylvania Insurance Department (PID) as the Department was working closely with Pennie, the state-based health insurance exchange created by Act 42, to ensure a successful roll-out of the new initiative that would become the home for high-quality, affordable health insurance plans in Pennsylvania. The launch of Pennie was a landmark step for health care in the Commonwealth as Pennie continues to be a key source of affordable coverage for hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians.

Humphreys also co-chaired the Behavioral Health Commission for Adult Mental Health that recommended to the legislature how to best spend $100 million on adult behavioral health needs.

Prior to being appointed, Humphreys served as the Chief of Staff for the Insurance Department since September 2019, and before joining the PID, Humphreys served as Assistant Commissioner for Insurance at the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance (TDCI). In Tennessee, he oversaw the Insurance Division as it was reaccredited by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

Humphreys has a Master’s in Public Administration from Bowling Green State University and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University at Buffalo.

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Director Dwyer is a member of the NAIC and is the current Secretary/Treasurer. She has served as chair and vice chair of various committees, task forces, and working groups and has served on the Board of Directors of the National Insurance Producer Registry (NIPR) and as an Officer of the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Commissioner (Compact). She is the NAIC representative to the Financial Stability Oversight Counsel (FSOC). She is also a member of the Executive Committee, the ICS and Comparability Task Force (ICSTF), and the Strategic Plan and Financial Outlook Task Force (SPFOTF) of the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS).

Director Dwyer is a past president of the Rhode Island Women’s Bar Association. She was awarded the 2010 Rhode Island Attorney General’s Justice Award for Consumer Protection. She completed an Executive Education Program at Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government Executive Education. She was the recipient of the 2023 Raymond G. Farmer Award for Exceptional Leadership from the NAIC.

Director Dwyer holds the designations of Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) from The Institutes, Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) from The American College, and Senior Professional in Insurance Regulation (SPIR) from the NAIC. She was admitted to practice law in California, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, the Federal District Courts of California, and Rhode Island and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. She earned a JD from Pepperdine University and a BA in Political Science and Public Administration from Providence College.
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Prior to his appointment as Director, he served as Deputy Director of the Actuarial and Market Services Division, responsible for actuarial analyses, policy form and rate reviews, and the monitoring of traditional insurance markets. He has also been an active participant in the National Association of Insurance Commissioners meetings and initiatives.

Wise believes consumer protection is at the heart of insurance regulation and seeks to balance the affordability and availability of insurance products to ensure South Carolina consumers are protected by strong, solvent carriers. He began his career at the Department in 2009 as a rates analyst before moving into various actuarial and management roles. He has sought to guarantee transparency throughout the rate filing process by encouraging open communication with carriers. He believes a competitive marketplace is key to consumers having access to the insurance products they need at prices that are as affordable as possible while ensuring companies are able to pay claims and remain solvent.

Wise holds a bachelor’s degree in mathematics-economics from Furman, is an Associate of the Casualty Actuarial Society, is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries, and is a recent graduate of the South Carolina Executive Institute. Wise is also a recent recipient of the American Academy of Actuaries’ Rising Actuary Award.

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Deiter has more than 25 years of experience in commercial banking and business management, which includes insurance product sales management. Prior to joining the public sector, he served as vice president/market manager of a publicly traded financial institution.

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Previously, Lawrence served as Assistant Commissioner for the Regulatory Boards Division at the Department of Commerce and Insurance where he oversaw more than 40 fee reductions while improving measured customer service, modernizing business practices to faster license professionals and successfully removed burdensome regulations. In 2019, Lawrence briefly served as Interim Commissioner for Governor Bill Lee.

As Tennessee’s Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance, Lawrence is the state fire marshal and is responsible for the divisions of insurance, fire prevention, regulatory boards – including twenty-six regulatory entities, TennCare Oversight, and the administratively attached Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy, Tennessee Police Officer Standards and Training Commission and Tennessee Emergency Communications Board. In 2020, the department collected approximately $1.25 billion in fees and premium taxes and had expenditures of $225 million.

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Brown previously served as commissioner of the Division of Workers’ Compensation (DWC), having been appointed to the role by Governor Abbott in 2018 and reappointed in 2019 and 2021. Under her leadership, DWC cut customer service hotline hold times to less than 30 seconds, made it easier for system participants to share documents electronically and more securely, and continued to reduce medical costs and increase the number of injured employees returning to work.

Brown has more than 20 years of public service experience and serves on the Executive Women in Texas Government President’s Advisory Committee. She was TDI’s deputy commissioner for Regulatory Policy where she led the regulation of the forms, rates, and products sold in the Texas insurance market; oversaw the residual markets; assured the adequacy of insurers’ loss control programs; and provided inspections and compliance activities related to the state’s windstorm market.

Earlier in her career, Brown served as a key advisor to Governor Rick Perry on policy and budget issues including insurance, health regulatory, and workers’ compensation. She also served in the administration of Governor George W. Bush.

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He serves as chair of the NAIC’s Market Regulation and Consumer Affairs (D) Committee and as a vice chair of the NAIC’s Health Insurance and Managed Care (B) Committee. He was a member of the National Association of Healthcare Underwriters and the Utah Association of Healthcare Underwriters for many years prior to becoming Commissioner.

In 2007, Pike was elected to the St. George City Council and in 2013 he was elected mayor of St. George. He currently serves in his community as vice chair of the Southern Utah Performing Arts Center Foundation board and as a board member of the Southwest Symphony and Encircle Utah (St. George). He previously served on the boards of Utah Tech University, Dixie Technology College, the Washington County Water Conservancy District, and as the president of the Utah League of Cities and Towns.

Pike earned a bachelor’s degree in finance from the University of Utah and an MBA from Westminster College. Pike loves singing, playing the piano, organ, and guitar, as well as water and snow skiing, motorcycling and walking or biking on St. George’s many trails. He and his wife Kristy have five children and six grandchildren (with twins on the way!).

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Commissioner Gaffney was previously appointed Deputy Commissioner of Insurance by Gov. Scott in March 2019. Prior to that appointment, he worked as Director in the Rates & Forms section of the Vermont Insurance Division for more than 12 years. He has been responsible for rate and form analysis, as well as monitoring competition in the marketplace while leading the Rates & Forms Analysis team. Additionally, he has served as Director of the Producer & Individual Licensing section and as Director of Market Regulation.

Prior to working for Vermont, Commissioner Gaffney spent 23 years in various marketing, underwriting, and product management positions in Connecticut and Vermont. He began his insurance career in Connecticut as a multi-line (property/casualty [P/C] and life and health) insurance agent.

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Roach began his career in public service as Legal Counsel to the Commissioner of Education, where he served for more than eight years before being selected as Executive Director of the Board of Education. In 2006, he was selected by the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI) to lead a program of public education in support of the Fifth Constitutional Convention. During this consultancy, he served as the Coordinator/Researcher of the Constitution 2008. He also represented UVI at United Nations (UN) Decolonization Seminars in Grenada and Indonesia. Although the UVI project ended in 2008, the UN qualified Roach as an expert on constitutional development processes in the U.S. territories and invited him on his own merits to a third Decolonization Seminar in St. Kitts in 2009.

He joined the UVI adjunct faculty from 1999 to 2012, teaching courses in the Humanities and a Constitutional Law course in the education graduate program. Other UVI projects, include the Legacy Report of President Emeritus LaVerne E. Ragster, Ph.D., a major environmental project with the U.S. EPA, launch of the Center for the Study of Spirituality and Professionalism, and Editor in Chief of its award-winning international literary journal.

Roach was elected to the 30th-32nd legislatures as a staunch advocate for education, the environment, and the youth and elderly of the Territory. He was nominated to the Education and the Law, Criminal Justice and Public Safety committees of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and instrumental in the 2014 adoption of a resolution supporting full citizenship rights for those living in the Territory. In 2016, he presented a similar resolution that resulted in a full NCSL conference session devoted to the affairs of the remaining U.S. territories.
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A doctor of optometry, Kreidler practiced at Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound for 20 years. He has a master’s degree in Public Health from UCLA and was a founding director of a community bank. He retired as a lieutenant colonel from the United States Army Reserve in 2003 with 20 years of service.

Of the current NAIC membership, Kreidler is the longest-serving insurance commissioner in the United States. He was honored in 2009 with the “Excellence in Consumer Advocacy Award” presented by consumer advisors to the NAIC, and with the “2010 Leadership Award” by the Statewide Poverty Action Network.
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Commissioner McVey is responsible for the regulation of the insurance market, as well as protection of insurance consumers. He believes in the mission of the West Virginia Insurance Commissioner’s office of promoting a competitive and solvent insurance market with adequate consumer protection by fairly and consistently administering the insurance laws of West Virginia.

Prior to his appointment in 2017, Commissioner McVey was a licensed insurance agent who served in several capacities during his long tenure in the insurance industry in West Virginia. His experience includes a position as a medical claims examiner with the West Virginia Workers’ Compensation Fund, underwriter with a large national insurance company and since 1976 a licensed insurance agent and broker with several firms, both local and national. His latest assignment included both sales and management of the West Virginia operations for a large national insurance brokerage firm.

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As a member of the NAIC, Commissioner Houdek currently serves as vice chair of the Financial Condition (E) Committee, chair of the Accelerated Underwriting (A) Working Group and the Health Innovations (B) Working Group, vice chair of the Financial Stability (E) Task Force, and as a member of the Life Insurance and Annuities (A) Committee and various task forces and working groups. He is also vice chair of the Governance Committee of the Interstate Insurance Compact Commission.

Having spent over 20 years working in state legislative and regulatory affairs, Commissioner Houdek has extensive experience finding solutions to complex public policy and regulatory challenges across all lines of insurance. He has held several senior-level roles in the public and private sectors, including serving as a principal at one of Wisconsin’s largest public affairs and business consulting firms and as chief of staff to a former minority leader in the Wisconsin State Senate.

Commissioner Houdek grew up in northern Wisconsin and earned his BA and MBA degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is actively involved with the Madison Public Library Foundation.
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Prior to this, Acting Secretary of Commerce Mafnas resumed her role as Registrar of Corporations in August 2021, contributing her wealth of experience and strong sense of responsibility to the Commonwealth. Before venturing into the private sector during the COVID-19 pandemic, she spent 18 months as a compliance administrator for Imperial Pacific International Saipan.

Acting Secretary of Commerce Mafnas has received accolades such as the Supervisory Training Model, Customer Always Right, and Employee of the Month at Hyatt Regency Hotel, along with recognition for being Most Cheerful, Efficient, Conscientious, and Employee of the Year at the Office of the Attorney General.

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