



The Honorable Jennifer Homendy 15th Chair, National Transportation Safety Board

Jennifer L. Homendy was sworn in as the 15th Chair of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) on August 13, 2021, after being nominated by the President and unanimously confirmed by the Senate. Chair Homendy has served as the agency's 44th Board Member since August 2018. She is the fourth woman to serve as Chair since the agency was created in 1967.

The NTSB is an independent federal agency charged by Congress with investigating every civil aviation accident in the United States and significant events in railroad, highway, marine, and pipeline transportation. Chair Homendy is the agency's chief executive, managing an annual budget of about \$120 million and more than 400 full-time employees across the country, including the NTSB's regional offices located in Anchorage, Alaska; Seattle, Washington; Denver, Colorado; and Ashburn, Virginia.

Chair Homendy has used her national platform to advocate for the implementation of NTSB safety recommendations to improve the safety of all transportation modes. She is particularly passionate about championing the Safe System approach as a strategy to reverse the deadly epidemic of traffic deaths, ensuring passenger and fishing vessel safety, improving rail worker and passenger safety, and addressing NTSB's long history of concerns with the safety of revenue passenger-carrying aviation operations, among other areas.

Another of Chair Homendy's priorities is to ensure the NTSB's readiness to carry out its mission amid rapid technological advancement in all modes of transportation, including advanced driver assist systems, automated vehicles, commercial space transportation, uncrewed aircraft systems, advanced air mobility, supersonic aircraft, high-speed ground transportation, and clean energy sources to fuel vehicles, such as high-voltage lithium-ion batteries and hydrogen.

From 2004 to 2018, Chair Homendy served as the Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I Committee) of the U.S. House of Representatives. In that role, Chair Homendy was the most senior strategic advisor on safety and economic issues involving the rail industry and its employees and passengers. She previously held positions with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the Transportation Trades Department of the AFL-CIO, and the American Iron and Steel Institute.

Chair Homendy is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University and is pursuing a Master of Transportation Safety Administration degree at the Institute for Global Road Safety and Security at Clemson University. She is also an avid runner and cyclist, which fuels her advocacy work on behalf of vulnerable road users.

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