



Sean Sullivan, Chairman

Mr. Sullivan is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, and served as a U.S. Navy submarine officer for twenty-six years before retiring at the grade of Captain in 2006.



Mr. Sullivan served at sea aboard several submarines and commanded the USS Jefferson City. Ashore assignments included the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs in Washington, DC, Deputy Commander of Submarine Development Squadron Twelve, and Submarine Force representative at Electric Boat in Groton. In his last Navy assignment, Mr. Sullivan served as commanding officer of the Naval Submarine Base New London where he provided leadership and oversight to base operations supporting eighteen nuclear powered submarines and approximately one hundred major facilities.

After leaving active duty, Mr. Sullivan practiced law as a civil litigation attorney for five years with the firm of Brown Jacobson, P.C. in Norwich, Connecticut in the areas of torts, employment law, land use, and municipal law. In 2011, Mr. Sullivan became a partner at Sonalysts, Inc. in Waterford, Connecticut where he provided direct support to the U.S. Navy Strategic Systems Programs Office for the Ohio Replacement (now, Columbia class) submarine.

Mr. Sullivan earned a bachelor's degree in marine engineering from the United States Naval Academy, a Master of Arts in National Security Affairs from the Naval War College and a law degree from the University of Connecticut. He is a member of the state bar of Connecticut. He served from 2009 to 2012 on the Ledyard Town Council in Ledyard, Connecticut.

Mr. Sullivan was appointed by President Obama to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board in April, 2012, and confirmed by the Senate in August 2012. The Defense Nuclear Facility Safety Board is an independent organization within the executive branch chartered with the responsibility of providing recommendations and advice to the President and the Secretary of Energy regarding public health and safety issues at Department of Energy defense nuclear facilities. Defense nuclear facilities are production facilities, utilization facilities, and waste storage facilities associated with the nation's nuclear weapons program. In January 2017, Mr. Sullivan was appointed Chairman of the DNFSB by President Trump.