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Jennifer Homendy 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 President Joe Biden on May 19, 2021, and unanimously confirmed by the Senate.

Homendy began her tenure at the NTSB when President Donald J. Trump appointed her to the board as the 44th Member of the NTSB in August 2018. She was unanimously reconfirmed by the Senate on August 1, 2019, for a five-year term expiring December 31, 2024.

Chair Homendy is a tireless advocate for safety and brings to the Board expertise in the safety of railroads, pipelines, and hazardous materials (on all modes of transportation). From 2004 to 2018, she served as the Democratic Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, which is under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I Committee) of the United States House of Representatives. 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.

During her tenure as Subcommittee Staff Director, Chair Homendy guided major pieces of rail, pipeline, and hazardous materials safety legislation through the legislative process, including: the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU); the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-432, Division A); the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-432, Division B); the Pipeline, Inspection, Protection, Enforcement, and Safety Act of 2006; the Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty, and Job Creation Act of 2011; the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015; the Protecting Our Infrastructure of Pipelines Enhancing Safety (PIPES) Act of 2016; and the Norman Y. Mineta Research and Special Programs Improvement Act of 2004, which created the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), an agency charged with overseeing the safety of our nation's pipelines and hazardous materials transportation within the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Throughout her tenure on the T&I Committee, she was an unwavering defender of transportation safety and worked to implement numerous safety recommendations proposed by the NTSB, including the installation of excess flow valves in distribution pipelines and implementation of positive train control (PTC).

In 2010, she spearheaded the T&I Committee's extensive oversight investigations of the Enbridge pipeline rupture in Marshall, Michigan, and PHMSA, which led to major safety improvements in pipeline and

hazardous materials safety. In 2017 and 2018, she led a multimodal review of DOT's drug and alcohol testing program that identified significant safety gaps in the program.

Chair Homendy is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University and has been certified by the National Board of Fire Service Professional Qualifications (Pro Board) on Core HazMat Operations and Missions-Specific PPE and Product Control (hazmat operations level training). She completed Private Pilot Ground School and holds a motorcycle (M2) endorsement. She is also an avid runner and cyclist, which fuels her advocacy work for strengthening safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists.



Kelly K. Browning, PhD Executive Director Impact Teen Drivers

For the past 25 years, Dr. Kelly K. Browning has served as a leader for youth and parent programs that prevent risky behaviors and

unintentional injuries through improving positive decision making. As Executive Director of Impact Teen Drivers, Dr. Browning aims to increase evidence-based education regarding the dangers of reckless and distracted driving so that people make better decisions behind the wheel—whether as drivers or passengers—to keep our roads safe for everyone. Dr. Browning is particularly adroit at uniting diverse groups of stakeholders for a common cause, and has combined the efforts of health professionals, educators, first responders, parents, the insurance industry, and government agencies to promote a unified message and evidence-based practices to tackle the number one killer of teens in America. Using a multifaceted approach to change the driving culture to one that is distraction-free, Dr. Browning and Impact Teen Drivers hope to save thousands of lives needlessly lost on our roadways every year.

Dr. Browning received her Ph.D. in Criminology from the University of South Florida, her Master of Public Health in Criminology from the University of Central Florida, and her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Minnesota, Moorhead State.

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Stephanie Manning

Chief Government Affairs Officer
Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)

Stephanie Manning joined MADD in January 2021 as the Chief Government Affairs Officer. Stephanie has specialized in traffic safety policy

for twenty-five years. She has worked on both behavioral safety and vehicle safety-related policy, including the establishment of a national .08 Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) standard, and more recently legislation to mandate advanced drunk driving prevention technology. Stephanie began her career working with another traffic safety organization, and in that capacity worked alongside MADD on .08 BAC. It was during the latter stages of the successful .08 BAC campaign – back in 1999 – that MADD recruited Stephanie to open its Washington, DC office and serve as the organization's Director of Federal Affairs. During her time at MADD, Stephanie worked closely with Congress and the Administration to strengthen policies for victims' rights, and to secure funding for drunk driving and underage drinking prevention.

In 2004 Stephanie was recruited to serve as a Senior Policy Advisor for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Stephanie's portfolio included the authorization of programs for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and safety programs within the Federal Highway Administration. Her proudest achievements as a Committee staffer, acting on behalf of her boss Ranking Member and then Chairman Jim Oberstar, were securing increased funding for NHTSA's traffic safety programs, and the establishment of the first long-term authorization for high-visibility law enforcement mobilizations.

In 2007, Stephanie left Capitol Hill to spend time with her family. For fourteen years Stephanie provided transportation consulting services to just a couple of clients at a time. As a consultant for MADD, she played a major role in securing Congressional endorsements in MAP-21 – and via the appropriations process – for the Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving. This included the authorization and funding for a research program on drunk driving prevention technology, incentives to states to adopt all-offender ignition interlock laws, and high visibility law enforcement programs. More recently Stephanie has led efforts for MADD to mandate advanced drunk driving prevention technology on new vehicles.



Mike McGinnExecutive Director
America Walks

Mike got his start in local politics as a neighborhood activist pushing for walkability. From there he founded a non-profit focused on

sustainable and equitable growth, and then became mayor of Seattle. He has always worked to add new voices to City decision-making and has gained deep insights into how influence is gained and wielded to make change. Just before joining America Walks, Mike worked to help Feet First, Washington State's walking advocacy organization, expand their sphere of influence across Washington state. He has worked on numerous public education, legislative, ballot measure and election campaigns—which has given him an abiding faith in the power of organizing and volunteers to create change. His many years of advocating for sustainable cities and environmental justice give him perspective to expand America Walks partnerships.



Jeffrey P. Michael, EdD

Distinguished Scholar, Leon Robertson Faculty Chair for Injury Center for Injury Research and Policy Department of Health Policy and Management Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Dr. Michael is a Distinguished Policy Scholar and the Leon S. Robertson Faculty Development Chair in Injury Prevention at the Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy. Dr. Michael's current research focuses on the development of strategies for utilizing emerging mobility technologies and methods to improve safety and reduce health disparities. As Coordinator of the New Mobility initiative at JHU, Dr. Michael is leading an effort to develop evidence-based policy models to steer the deployment of New Mobility products and services for public health benefit.



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Jerrod MooreProgram Manager
Tribal Injury Prevention Resource Center

Jerrod Moore is a member of the Navajo Nation from Tohatchi, New Mexico. He graduated from the University of New Mexico earning

his BA in Native American Studies concentrating on Leadership and Building Native Nations. He has completed the Indian Health Services Epidemiology Fellowship which consist of developing a research project which serves tribes in the Albuquerque Area. He currently is a program manager for the CDC-funded Tribal Injury Prevention Resource Center (TIPRC) at the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board. He is also certified as a Child Passenger Safety Instructor, Matter of Balance Master Trainer and a Question Persuade Refer (QPR) Master Trainer. Previous work includes founding and serving as Co-Chair of the Albuquerque Area Tribal Injury Prevention Coalition, working as the Tribal Injury Prevention Program Coordinator at the Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center, and working in Alaska for three and half years as the Peer Prevention Coordinator and Injury Prevention Specialist at the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation.



Ed NiedermeyerCommunications Director
Partners for Automated Vehicle
Education (PAVE)

Ed Niedermeyer is the Communications Director for Partners for Automated Vehicle Education

(PAVE), a nonprofit backed by the auto and technology sectors with the mission of educating the public, media, and policymakers about the most important technology of the 21st Century. In addition to heading up PAVE's messaging, content, and outreach efforts, I work with our member companies to re-imagine how we think and talk about automated driving technology.

Ed is also the co-host of The Autonocast, the leading mobility technology podcast with 35,000 subscribers. We reach an influential audience of professionals in the mobility technology space, the auto industry, policymakers and beyond. The Autonocast is available to host and moderate events, ranging from large industry conferences and intimate parties to webinars and other online discussions, and we are always looking for thoughtful and informative guests.

Ed held positions as the Editor-in-Chief, Managing Editor, and blogger at Thetruthaboutcars.com. Ed has also contributed Op-Eds on automotive topics to The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Reuters and other publications and reviewed books for the WSJ, and appeared on the PBS Newshour, BBC World, CNN, Fox News, Fox Business and elsewhere.



Robert Ritter
Director
Office of Impaired Driving and
Occupant Protection
National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration (NHTSA)

Robert Ritter is the Director of the Office of Impaired Driving and Occupant Protection at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) where he works to reduce the incidents of alcohol and drug-impaired driving, increase seat belt and child safety seat use, and reduce distracted and drowsy driving. Rob's Office conducts research and development activities to support States and communities to implement strong policies and programs nationwide. He leverages partnerships with diverse professional, advocacy, and government organizations to develop and disseminates a variety of programs, best practices, communication, and other tools to reduce risky driving behavior and resulting crashes, injuries, and fatalities.

Prior to joining NHTSA, Rob was the Managing Director of the Office of Innovative Program Delivery at the Federal Highway Administration. At FHWA, Rob represented the Chief Innovation Officer in policy and strategic deliberations to establish Agency and Office direction for transforming transportation through innovation. Rob has over 25 years' experience in transportation safety, policy, planning and implementation; 15 in various FHWA offices also including Safety, Natural Environment and Planning.



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Jane TerryVice President of Government Affairs
National Safety Council

Jane Terry is an experienced policy and legislative leader with nearly 20 years of experience working with local, state, and federal government officials

on transportation, telecommunications, workplace safety, community development, and healthcare initiatives. Prior to joining the National Safety Council, Terry served as the director of government affairs at the National Transportation Safety Board. In this role, Terry communicated the work of the NTSB to Congressional leaders, resulting in a higher level of funding for the agency during a time of budget cuts. Her education and advocacy efforts resulted in safety recommendations issued by the NTSB related to aviation, pipeline, rail, and highway safety, which ultimately were adopted and became law. At the NTSB, Terry developed the platform for on-scene government affairs support for accident investigations. Terry led on-the-ground engagement with elected officials and the community during the 2015 Amtrak derailment in Philadelphia, PA; the 2014 Harlem, NY gas pipeline explosion; the 2013 crude oil train derailment and explosion in Casselton, ND; the 2013 Asiana Airlines accident in San Francisco; the 2013 I-5 bridge collapse in Washington state; the 2012 hazardous materials train derailment in Paulsboro, NJ; and the 2010 Marshall, MI, oil pipeline rupture.



Nicholas J. Ward
Center Director, Professor
Center for Health and Safety Culture

Montana State University

Professor Nic Ward (F. Erg. S.) is the Director of the Center for Health and Safety Culture and a

Professor of Industrial and Management Systems Engineering in the Norm Asbjornson College of Engineering at Montana State University. Professor Ward holds a Ph.D. in Organizational Psychology (Human Factors) from Queen's University in Kingston, Canada. In his role at the Center, Professor Ward is responsible for creating a network of collaborators, creating a sustainable vision for the center, and aligning the center with the University's mission. He also serves as a Principal Investigator (PI) and provides leadership and expertise on multiple projects.

Ward is an original member of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Subcommittee on Roadway Safety Culture, co-author of the National Toward Zero Death strategy, and a recognized international leader for the advancement of traffic safety culture as the foundation for creating safe systems.

Nic resides in Bozeman, Montana. In his spare time, Nic enjoys traveling, rafting, good food and spending time with his friends and three dogs.

