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National Academy of Public Administration Announces Election of New Executive Committee and Board Members

A new cohort of Fellows will lead the Board of Directors in 2026

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Academy of Public Administration is pleased to announce the election of new officers and members to its Board of Directors for the upcoming term. These distinguished leaders bring exceptional expertise and commitment to advancing the Academy's mission of improving governance and public administration.

Newly Elected Officers:

- Chair: [Stan Soloway](#)
- Vice Chair: [Lisa Benjamin](#)
- Treasurer: [Norm Dong](#)
- Secretary: [Kim Walton](#)
- At-Large Members: [Maria Aristigueta](#) and [Tanisha Briley](#)

In addition, the Academy is proud to announce the re-election of Fellows Tanisha Briley, Daniel Chenok, and Tina Sung, reaffirming their continued leadership and contributions.

The Academy also welcomes the following Fellows to the Board of Directors:

- [Walter Bobkiewicz](#)
- [Matthew Chase](#)
- [Norm Dong](#)
- [Loren DeJonge Schulman](#)

“These individuals represent the very best in public service leadership,” said James-Christian Blockwood, Academy President & CEO. “Their experience and dedication will help guide the Academy as we continue to address the most critical management challenges facing our nation.”

The Board of Directors, as outlined in its congressional charter and governing documents, provides consistent, high-level oversight and direction for the Academy. Comprised of luminaries from state, local, and federal government, as well as academia, board members are elected to a three-year term on an annual, rotating basis. The Executive Committee leads the Academy Board, providing strategic oversight and ensuring alignment with the organization’s mission.

Lastly, the Academy would like to recognize the following 2026 Standing Panel Chairs for their service to the following Standing Panels:

- Executive Organization and Management: [Robert Shea](#) and [Scott Cameron](#)
- Intergovernmental Systems: [Kurt Thurmaier](#) and [Michael Pagano](#)
- International Affairs: [Dan Guttman](#) and [Larry Cooley](#)
- Public Service: [Kim Walton](#) and [Vince Micone](#)
- Technology Leadership: [Alan Shark](#) and [Theresa Pardo](#)
- Social Equity: [Margaret Simms](#) and [Michael Jacobson](#)

The purpose of the Academy's Standing Panels is to convene thought leaders around six specific areas critical to the success of public administration. The Panels meet regularly to discuss these specific issue areas, learn from experts, and produce thought leadership to advance the field of public administration. For more information about the Academy and its work, please visit napawash.org.

About the National Academy of Public Administration

Established in 1967 and chartered by Congress, the National Academy of Public Administration is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that helps government leaders solve the nation’s most critical management challenges. With over 1,000 Fellows—including former cabinet officials, governors, mayors, and scholars—the Academy advances excellence in public administration through research, advisory services, and thought leadership.

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