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Leadership and structure

The FEC is an independent, regulatory agency with more than 300 employees. It's led by six Commissioners.

Commissioners

Commissioners are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.

By law, no more than three Commissioners can represent the same political party, and at least four votes are required for any official Commission action. This structure was created to encourage nonpartisan decisions.

Commissioners serve in staggered six-year terms; two seats are subject to appointment every two years. The Chair of the Commission changes every year, with no member serving more than once per term.

The Commission meets in closed sessions to discuss matters that, by law, must remain confidential, and in public to formulate policy and vote on legal and administrative matters.

Current



Allen Dickerson

Chair

Republican



Dara Lindenbaum

Vice Chair

Democrat



Shana M. Broussard

Democrat



Sean J. Cooksey

Republican



James E. "Trey" Trainor III

Republican

**Ellen L. Weintraub**

Democrat

All Commissioners »

Biographical information is available for most current and former Commissioners. For those who served after 2003, some selected documents (like statements, articles and speeches) are also available.

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The FEC's organizational chart is a diagram of agency offices and their leadership.

Organization chart

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