

Martin O'Malley



Commissioner, Social Security Administration

Martin O'Malley was nominated by President Biden to be Commissioner of the Social Security Administration. Following confirmation by the U.S. Senate, he was sworn into office on December 20, 2023 by Senator Ben Cardin.

Commissioner O'Malley is a lifelong public servant. He served as Governor of Maryland from 2007 to 2015, following two terms as Mayor of the City of Baltimore. Prior to being elected Mayor, O'Malley served as a member of the Baltimore City Council from 1991 to 1999 and Assistant State's Attorney for the City of Baltimore before that.

Mr. O'Malley is a pioneer of using performance-management and customer service technologies in government. He has written extensively about how to govern for better results in the Information Age by measuring the outputs of government on a real-time basis.

As commissioner, Mr. O'Malley is responsible for administering the Social Security retirement, disability, and survivors insurance programs that pay over 1.4 trillion dollars annually in benefits to more than 66 million beneficiaries. He also oversees the Supplemental Security Income program that provides cash assistance to approximately 7.5 million people with limited income and resources. The agency has a workforce of about 61,000 employees and 1,500 facilities across the country and around the world.

Commissioner O'Malley graduated from Catholic University in Washington, D.C., in 1985, and earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1988. He and his wife of over 30 years, Judge Katie Curran O'Malley, have four children, Grace, Tara, William, and Jack.

Marcela Escobar-Alava



Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Social Security Administration

Marcela Escobar-Alava was appointed chief information officer (CIO) in March, 2024. Her primary focus will be on continuing the agency's progress in improving the customer experience. Prior to coming to Social Security, she served as special assistant to the president and chief of enterprise applications for the Office of Administration. In this capacity, she delivered technology strategy and enterprise solutions across the executive office of the president. During this administration, she also served as the deputy director of White House Information Technology. Prior to her federal service, she was the transformational CIO for Monarch Companies, where she led the integration of acquisitions towards a unified culture and single operating model. Prior to Monarch, she was the chief digital officer for the Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF). Here, she developed digital products, technology, and marketing strategies to enable the broadest reach, largest grants and donations, and greatest generational impact the organization has ever attained. Prior to HSF, she was the Divisional CIO for Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, a multi-billion-dollar division of Sony Pictures Entertainment. In that role, she oversaw the Global Information Technology strategy and direction to support and enable Home Entertainment's business operations. These operations included sales, marketing, manufacturing, distribution, business intelligence, finance, and digital functions.

Originally from Los Angeles, Marcela holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in International Business from Loyola Marymount University. She earned a Master's of Business Administration in Information Systems and Operations Management from the University of Southern California. Her proudest accomplishment has been to have a progressive career while raising 3 beautiful and generous human beings – Alex, Nikki, and Robert. She continues to give back as a mentor and inspirational speaker. She has served and led a variety of non-profit boards and advisory committees at the local and national level within the STEM, Early Childhood Education, Higher Ed, and DE&I spaces.

Brian Peltier



Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer and Chief of Artificial Intelligence Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Social Security Administration

Brian Peltier is the acting deputy chief information Officer (DCIO) for Strategy at Social Security. He oversees the efforts around enterprise architecture, innovation, IT financial investments, budgetary processes, and IT strategy. He also is responsible for overseeing, approving, governing, and reporting on all Artificial Intelligence (AI) use cases and solutions for the agency.

Brian began his career as a developer focusing on the access methods to Social Security's major master files. Over his career, he has served as a developer, analyst, project manager, and solution architect. Previous to his current position, Brian was the chief architect. His responsibilities included oversight of 2,300+ applications, governance of technology across the enterprise, and the architecture used to support the integration between the two components.

Brian has been a member of the Social Security team for over 19 years. He is a visionary leader who focuses on improving the experience of Social Security's customers and employees. Brian has a Bachelor of Arts from McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland.