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Trump Administration Key Policy Personnel

Susie Wiles, Chief of Staff

Wiles is a political consultant who served as co-chair of Trump's 2024 presidential campaign, having previously worked on his 2016 campaign, as well as on Reagan's 1980 campaign. She will be the first woman to hold the position of White House chief of staff.

- *Senate confirmation is not required for the chief of staff position.*

Marco Rubio, Secretary of State

Rubio is a politician and lawyer serving as the senior U.S. senator from Florida, a seat he has held since 2011. He served as Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives from 2006 to 2008.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Foreign Relations Committee on January 15. Executive session to consider nomination on January 20.*

Scott Bessent, Treasury Secretary

Bessent is an American investor and hedge fund manager. He was a partner at Soros Fund Management and the founder of Key Square Group, a global macro investment firm.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Finance Committee on January 16. Executive session to consider nomination on January 21.*

Pete Hegseth, Defense Secretary

Hegseth has been a political commentator for Fox News since 2014 and weekend co-host of Fox & Friends from 2017 to 2024. He was previously the executive director of Vets for Freedom and Concerned Veterans for America.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Armed Services Committee on January 14.*

Pam Bondi, Attorney General

Bondi is an attorney, lobbyist, and politician. She served as Florida attorney general from 2011 to 2019, the first woman elected to the office.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Judiciary Committee on January 15 and 16.*

Doug Burgum, Interior Secretary

Burgum is a businessman and politician who served from 2016 to 2024 as the 33rd governor of North Dakota.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Energy and Natural Resources Committee on January 15.*

Brooke Rollins, Agriculture Secretary

Rollins served as director of the Office of American Innovation and acting director of the Domestic Policy Council during the first Trump administration. She co-founded the America First Policy Institute think tank.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee on January 23.*

Howard Lutnick, Commerce Secretary

Lutnick is a businessman and chairman and CEO of Cantor Fitzgerald and BGC Group.

- *Awaiting Senate confirmation.*

Lori Chavez-Deremer, Labor Secretary

Chavez-Deremer is a politician serving as the U.S. representative for Oregon's 5th congressional district since 2023. She served as mayor of Happy Valley, Oregon, from 2011 to 2019.

- *Awaiting Senate confirmation.*

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Health and Human Services Secretary

Kennedy is an environmental lawyer and well-known vaccine skeptic. He is a former Democrat who ran as an Independent in the 2024 presidential race before dropping out and endorsing Trump. Kennedy has recently spearheaded the 'Make America Healthy Again' movement, calling for a reform of pesticide, food additive, and vaccine regulations.

- *Awaiting Senate confirmation.*

Heather Flick, Chief of Staff: Flick is an attorney who previously served as Acting General Counsel, Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration, and Senior Adviser to the Secretary at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Scott Turner, Housing and Urban Development Secretary

Turner is a businessman, motivational speaker, politician, and former professional football player who served as executive director of the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council from 2019 to 2021.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee on January 16.*

Sean Duffy, Transportation Secretary

Duffy is a politician, prosecutor, lobbyist, and reality television personality who is currently a co-host of The Bottom Line on Fox Business, as well as a contributor on Fox News.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee on January 15. Executive session to consider nomination on January 22.*

Chris Wright, Energy Secretary

Wright is an engineer and businessman who is the CEO of Liberty Energy, North America's second largest hydraulic fracturing company.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Energy and Natural Resources Committee on January 16.*

Linda McMahon, Education Secretary

McMahon is a politician, business executive, and former professional wrestling performer. She was the 25th administrator of the Small Business Administration from 2017 to 2019.

- *Awaiting Senate confirmation.*

Doug Collins, Veterans Affairs Secretary

Collins is a lawyer, politician, and Air Force veteran. He previously served as the U.S. representative for Georgia's 9th congressional district from 2013 to 2021.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Veterans' Affairs Committee on January 21. Executive session to consider nomination on January 23.*

Kristi Noem, Homeland Security Secretary

Noem is a politician who has served since 2019 as the 33rd governor of South Dakota. She was the U.S. representative for South Dakota's at-large congressional district from 2011 to 2019 and a member of the South Dakota House of Representatives for the 6th district from 2007 to 2011.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on January 17. Executive session to consider nomination on January 20.*

Lee Zeldin, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator

Zeldin is an attorney, politician, and officer in the U.S. Army Reserve. He represented New York's 1st congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2015 to 2023.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Environment and Public Works Committee on January 16. Executive session to consider nomination on January 23.*

Tulsi Gabbard, Director of National Intelligence

Gabbard is a politician and military officer serving as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve since 2021. She served as U.S. representative for Hawaii's 2nd congressional district from 2013 to 2021.

- *Awaiting Senate confirmation.*

Jamieson Greer, U.S. Trade Representative

Greer is a partner in international trade at King & Spalding. He served as the chief of staff to trade representative Robert Lighthizer between 2017 and 2020.

- *Awaiting Senate confirmation.*

Elise Stefanik, U.S. Ambassador to the UN

Stefanik is a politician serving as the U.S. representative for New York's 21st congressional district. As chair of the House Republican Conference since 2021, she is the fourth-ranking House Republican.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Foreign Relations Committee on January 21.*

Stephen Miran, Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers

Miran is an economist and politician. He is a senior strategist at Hudson Bay Capital Management.

- *Awaiting Senate confirmation.*

Kelly Loeffler, Administrator of the Small Business Administration

Loeffler is a businesswoman and politician who served as a U.S. senator from Georgia from 2020 to 2021.

- *Awaiting Senate confirmation.*

Russell Vought, Director of the Office of Management and Budget

Vought worked for Heritage Action, the lobbying group of The Heritage Foundation. He was the executive director and budget director of the Republican Study Committee, the policy director for the Republican Conference of the U.S. House of Representatives, and a legislative assistant for U.S. Senator Phil Gramm.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on January 15. Executive session to consider nomination on January 20. Confirmation hearing before the Budget Committee on January 22.*

Michael J.K. Kratsios, Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy

Kratsios is a business executive and politician. He was the fourth Chief Technology Officer of the United States at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. During this time, he was President Donald Trump's top technology advisor.

- *Awaiting Senate confirmation.*

John Ratcliffe, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency

Ratcliffe is a politician and attorney. He was the 6th director of national intelligence from 2020 to 2021. He was the congressman for Texas's 4th district from 2015 to 2020.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Select Committee on Intelligence on January 15.*

Jim O’Neill, Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services

O’Neill is a science and technology investor. He previously served as HHS principal associate deputy secretary during the George W. Bush administration and is the former acting CEO of the Thiel Foundation. O’Neill has previously argued that medicines should be approved once their safety is confirmed by the FDA, and that a review of efficacy data should take place after a drug has gone to market.

- *Awaiting Senate confirmation.*

Mehmet Oz, Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

The celebrity physician and TV personality known as Dr. Oz is a well-known supporter of alternative and unconventional remedies and holistic care. As an informal health advisor to President Trump during his first term in office, he supported unproven COVID-19 therapies, including the use of hydroxychloroquine for the treatment of COVID-19. His experience as a physician and cardiothoracic surgeon has been highlighted as a potential strength for the role of CMS Administrator.

- *Awaiting Senate confirmation.*

Martin A. Makary, Commissioner of Food and Drugs

Makary is a Johns Hopkins professor and surgeon. He is also a health policy researcher and adviser at the Paragon Health Institute. Makary’s work has focused on the high costs and overtreatment present in the U.S. health care system. He has been a frequent critic of many aspects of the nation’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including COVID vaccine use in children.

- *Awaiting Senate confirmation.*

Janette Nesheiwat, Surgeon General

Nesheiwat is a Fox News medical contributor and the medical director at CityMD, a group of urgent care centers in New York. She is board certified in family/emergency medicine.

- *Awaiting Senate confirmation.*

Jay Bhattacharya, Director of the National Institutes of Health

Bhattacharya is a Stanford University physician, economist, and professor of health policy. His research focuses on the health and well-being of vulnerable populations, with a particular emphasis on the role of government programs, biomedical innovation, and economics. He was one of the main authors of the Great Barrington Declaration, a document that called for an end to COVID-19 lockdowns in October 2020. He has also been critical of other aspects of the U.S. response to the pandemic, accusing former NIH leaders of suppressing scientific debate and research, and calling for an overhaul of the biomedical research agency.

- *Awaiting Senate confirmation.*

Dave Weldon, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Weldon is a board-certified internist who served in the House of Representatives from 1995 through 2009. He is currently a professor of biomedical engineering at the Florida Institute of Technology. His medical career has focused on the management of hypertension, elevated cholesterol, diabetes, arthritis, cancer screening, preventive care, and general illnesses of the elderly. In the House, he sponsored a provision known as the “Weldon Amendment,” which prevents federal funds from being made available to Federal agencies and programs, and State and local governments, that “subject any institutional or individual health care entity to discrimination” on the basis of not providing, paying for, providing coverage of, or referring for abortions.

- *Awaiting Senate confirmation.*