Trump Administration Key Policy Personnel

Stephen Miller, Chief of Staff

Miller was a senior adviser and speechwriter during the first Trump administration. He later led America First Legal, a conservative legal group. He most recently served as deputy chief of staff for policy and homeland security adviser.

- *Senate confirmation is not required for this 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. Confirmed by the Senate 99-0 on January 20, 2025*.

Johnny Figueroa, Global Health Security and Diplomacy, Coordinator of U.S. Government Activities to Fight HIV/AIDS Ambassador-at-Large**:** Figueroa is a senior adviser to Secretary Collins. He founded CarepathRx, a health care technology and pharmacy services company.

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. Confirmed by the Senate 68-29 on January 27, 2025*.

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. Confirmed by the Senate 50-50 on January 24, 2025*.

Robert Kadlec, MD, Assistant Defense Secretary for Nuclear Deterrence, Chemical, and Biological Defense Policy and Programs

Kadlec was a top health official in the first Trump administration who led Operation Warp Speed.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Armed Services Committee on November 4.*

Todd Blanche, Attorney General

- *Confirmation hearing before the Judiciary Committee on July 15 and 16. Executive session to consider nomination on August 4. Confirmed by the Senate 50-49 on August 8, 2026.*

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 16. Executive session to consider nomination on January 23. Confirmed by the Senate 79-18 on January 30, 2025.*

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. Executive session to consider nomination on February 3. Confirmed by the Senate 72-28 on February 13, 2025.*

Howard Lutnick, Commerce Secretary

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

- *Confirmation hearing before the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee on January 29. Executive session to consider nomination on February 5. Confirmed by the Senate 51-45 on February 18, 2025.*

Keith Sonderling, Acting Labor Secretary

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. Executive session to consider nomination on January 23. Confirmed by the Senate 55-44 on February 5, 2025.*

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. Confirmed by the Senate 77-22 on January 28, 2025.*

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. Executive session to consider nomination on January 23. Confirmed by the Senate 59-38 on February 3, 2025.*

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.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee on February 13. Executive session to consider nomination on February 20. Confirmed by the Senate 51-45 on March 3, 2025.*

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. Confirmed by the Senate 77-23 on February 4, 2025.*

Markwayne Mullin, Homeland Security Secretary

Mullin is a politician, businessman, and former mixed martial arts fighter serving as the junior U.S. Senator for Oklahoma since 2023.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on March 18. Executive session to consider nomination on March 19. Confirmed by the Senate 51-45 on March 23, 2026.*

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 Enviornment and Public Works Committee on January 16. Executive session to consider nomination on January 23. Confirmed by the Senate 56-42 on January 29, 2025.*

Jay Clayton, Director of National Intelligence

Clayton is Jay Clayton is an attorney and public official who previously served as the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York and as the chairman of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Select Committee on Intelligence on July 15. Executive session to consider nomination on July 21. Confirmed by the Senate 51-47 on July 28, 2026.*

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.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Finance Committee on February 6. Executive session to consider nomination on February 11. Confirmed by the Senate 56-43 on February 26, 2025.*

Michael Waltz, U.S. Ambassador to the UN

Waltz is a politician, businessman, author, and former Army Special Forces officer who serves as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Foreign Relations Committee on July 15. Executive session to consider nomination on September 17. Confirmed by the Senate 47-43 on September 19, 2025.*

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.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee on February 27. Executive session to consider nomination on March 6. Confirmed by the Senate 53-46 on March 12, 2025.*

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.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee on January 29. Executive session to consider nomination on February 5. Confirmed by the Senate 52-46 on February 19, 2025.*

Russell Vought, Office of Management and Budget Director

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. Executive session to consider nomination on January 30. Confirmed by the Senate 53-47 on February 6, 2025.*

Don Dempsey, Associate Director for Health**:** Dempsey most recently served as the Vice President of Policy and Research at the Better Medicare Alliance. Prior to that, that he was a managing director at the Marwood Group. He was previously the Vice President for Policy and Regulatory Affairs at CVS Health, a government affairs counselor at K&L Gates, a senior vice president with the Marwood Group, and worked for Breakaway Policy Strategies. He served as the Associate Director for Human Resources Programs at the Office of Management and Budget during the George W. Bush Administration. Prior to that, he was the legislative director for U.S. Senator Richard Burr, Director of Health Policy for the Senate Budget Committee, and a legislative assistant for U.S. senators Jon Kyl and Phil Gramm.

Farnoosh Faezi-Marian, Chief, Health and Human Services Branch

Sara Carter, Office of National Drug Control Policy Director

Carter is a podcast host and former Fox News contributor who has reported on drug trafficking and cartels.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Judiciary Committee on September 17. Executive session to consider nomination on October 9. Confirmed by the Senate 52-48 on January 6, 2026.*

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

Kratsios is a business executive and politician. He was the fourth chief technology officer of the U.S. at the Office of Science and Technology Policy. During this time, he was Trump's top technology advisor.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee on February 25. Executive session to consider nomination on March 12. Confirmed by the Senate 74-25 on March 25, 2025.*

John Ratcliffe, Central Intelligence Agency Director

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. Confirmed by the Senate 74-25 on January 23, 2025.*

Terry Cole, Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration

Cole is a law enforcement official and the current Virginia Secretary of Public Safety, a position he assumed in 2023.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Judiciary Committee on April 30. Executive session to consider nomination on May 22. Confirmed by the Senate 50-47 on July 22, 2025.*

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. He has recently spearheaded the 'Make America Healthy Again' movement, calling for a reform of pesticide, food additive, and vaccine regulations.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Finance Committee on January 29 and courtesy hearing before the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee on January 30. Executive session to consider nomination on February 4. Confirmed by the Senate 52-48 on February 13, 2025.*

Chris Klomp, Health and Human Services Deputy Secretary and Chief Counselor

Director of the Center for Medicare Chris Klomp is the new chief counselor and in charge of overseeing all Department operations. He will retain his current role as well while reporting to Kennedy.

- *Awaiting Senate confirmation.*

Stefanie Spear, Principal Deputy Chief of Staff: Spear was the traveling press secretary and principal communications staffer on Kennedy's presidential campaign.

Matt Buckham, Senior Counselor for Operations and Personnel**:** Buckham served as Kennedy's White House liaison and oversaw recruitment of political appointees within the agency. He previously held positions with the Heritage Foundation, the Conservative Partnership Institute, and the American Accountability Foundation.

Ken Callahan, Senior Counselor for Policy**:** Callahan previously served as chief policy adviser.

Ge Bai, Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary

Bai is currently the principal deputy assistant secretary in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation. She teaches accounting at Johns Hopkins Carey Business School and is a joint professor of health policy and management at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

- *Awaiting Senate confirmation.*

Shana Weir, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration

Arman Sharma, Deputy Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer: Sharma is a recent Stanford University graduate. During his time in school, he co-authored a book on the economics of medicine with current National Institutes of Health Director Jay Bhattacharya.

Vincent Bellomo, Adviser: Bellomo was most recently a special assistant to the Secretary.

Sara Brenner, Senior Counselor for Public Health and Head of the Office of Pandemic Preparedness and Response

Gustav Chiarello III, Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources

Chiarello is senior special counsel at the House Judiciary Committee and a visiting fellow at the Tech and Public Policy Program at Georgetown's McCourt School of Public Policy. He previously worked as an antitrust attorney at the Federal Trade Commission.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Finance Committee on July 31. Executive session to consider nomination on September 4. Confirmed by the Senate 51-47 on October 7, 2025.*

Brian Christine, MD, Assistant Secretary for Health

Christine is a urologist who previously ran for Alabama state Senate in 2022.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee on July 16. Executive session to consider nomination on July 24. Confirmed by the Senate 51-47 on October 7, 2025.*

Nicole Saphier, MD, Surgeon General

Saphier is a radiologist and the director of breast imaging at Memorial Sloan Kettering Monmouth in New Jersey. She is also a former medical contributor for Fox News.

- *Awaiting Senate confirmation.*

Stephanie Haridopolos, MD: Haridopolos is a family physician who currently serves as principal deputy assistant secretary for health policy and as chief of staff to the surgeon general's office. She has been selected to temporarily perform the duties of the U.S. surgeon general.

Paul Jung, Deputy Surgeon General: Jung is a career public servant who has previously held senior roles at the National Institutes of Health, the Food and Drug Administration, the Indian Health Service, and the Health Resources and Services Administration. He most recently served as chief medical officer of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Gary Andres, Assistant Secretary for Legislation

Andres is currently Republican staff director for the House Budget Committee. He previously served in the George W. Bush and George H.W. Bush administrations.

- *Confirmation hearing before the Finance Committee on May 6. Executive session to consider nomination on May 15. Confirmed by the Senate 57-40 on June 17, 2025.*

Alyssa Bretan, Confidential Assistant for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Legislation

: Bretan previously worked as member services coordinator for the House Budget Committee.

Martin Kulldorff, PhD, Chief Science Officer for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation

: Kulldorff recently chaired the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and previously taught at Harvard Medical School. He is a biostatistician and epidemiologist.

Courtney Parella Spencer, Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs

Parella Spencer most recently served in the same role at the Department of Labor. She was previously deputy national press secretary for the President's 2020 reelection campaign and also led communications for the Congressional Leadership Fund. She has held various roles on Capitol Hill, including as communications director for the Committee on House Administration.

- *Senate confirmation is not required for this position.*

Thomas Keane, MD, Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy

Kean is a radiologist and previously served as a senior advisor to the Deputy Secretary under the Trump and Biden administrations. In his new role, he will oversee regulations for electronic health records, data, technology, and artificial intelligence. Prior to his health policy work, he worked as a finite element software developer and enterprise software engineer.

- *Senate confirmation is not required for this position.*

Thomas March Bell, Inspector General

Bell most recently worked as general counsel for Republicans in the House of Representatives.

- *Confirmation hearing before Finance Committee on October 29. Executive session to consider nomination on November 19. Confirmed by the Senate 53-43 on December 18, 2025.*

Alex Adams, Assistant Secretary for the Administration for Children and Families

Adams has been the director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare since 2024.

- *Confirmation hearing before Finance Committee on July 22. Executive session to consider nomination on July 31. Confirmed by the Senate 51-47 on October 7, 2025.*

Mary Lazare, Assistant Secretary for Aging

Alicia Jackson, Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health Director

Jackson is a health technology entrepreneur. She previously served as the deputy director for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's biology programs office, and most recently founded and served as the CEO of Evernow, a telehealth company for menopause care.

- *Senate confirmation is not required for this position.*

Sean Kaufman, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

- *Awaiting Senate confirmation.*

Rafid Fadul, MD, Chief Medical Officer**:** Fadul is board-certified in internal medicine, pulmonary disease, and critical care medicine. He joins ARPA-H from Zivian Health, a company he co-founded and led in developing comprehensive health care software platforms. He also recently served as Chief Medical Advisor at Cenegenics, where he oversaw clinical programs in longevity medicine and emerging therapeutics.

Erica Schwartz, MD, JD, MPH, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director

Schwartz is a career civil servant, having previously served as a U.S. deputy surgeon general and a rear admiral in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service. If confirmed by the Senate, she would be the fourth leader of the CDC – with the role being filled by a permanent leader for only one month – during the President's second term in office.

- *Confirmation hearing before Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee on July 15. Executive session to consider nomination on July 23. Confirmed by the Senate 51-44 on August 5, 2026.*

Sean Slovenski, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Chief Operating Officer

Nina Witkofsky, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Chief Transformation Officer

Brandon Charochak, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Deputy Director for Strategic Communications

Brian Wright, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Deputy Director for Public Affairs

Mehmet Oz, MD, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Administrator

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 Trump during his first term in office, he supported unproven COVID-19 therapies, including the use of hydroxychloroquine. His experience as a physician and cardiothoracic surgeon has been highlighted as a potential strength for the role of administrator.

- *Confirmation hearing before Finance Committee on March 14. Executive session to consider nomination on March 25. Confirmed by the Senate 53-45 on April 3, 2025.*

Rebekah Armstrong, Chief of Staff**:** Armstrong currently leads the office of legislation and previously worked on Capitol Hill before joining the administration.

Stephanie Carlton, Deputy Administrator: Carton's portfolio includes clinical artificial intelligence and modernizing Medicaid quality measures.

Rujul Desai, Senior Counselor to the Administrator**:** Desai will focus on digital health ecosystems, proper enforcement of immigration laws, the implementation of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, and protection of children's health. He was previously deputy general counsel and chief legal officer for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Brayden Woods, Senior Adviser in the Office of the Administrator**:** Woods most recently served as legislative director for Representative Beth Van Duyne (R-Texas).

Alec Aramanda, Center for Medicare Principal Deputy Director**:** Aramanda was previously a principal at Williams & Jensen.

Jacob Shiff, Chief Technology and Artificial Intelligence Officer**:** Shiff is the co-founder of the AI platform Anomaly Health.

Timothy Foster, Senior Communications Adviser**:** Foster most recently worked on the House Ways and Means Committee.

Melissa Fannin, Chief of Workforce Strategy**:** Fannin most recently lead the health sector at Deep Water Point & Associates.

Kyle Diamantas, Acting Commissioner of Food and Drugs

Jim Traficant, Senior Adviser**:** Traficant was a partner at Pinkston providing operational, programmatic, and strategic guidance to companies ranging from Fortune 500 to disruptive innovators. He previously served as Managing Director, Federal Health at Accenture Federal Services and as president of ASM Research, an Accenture Federal Services subsidiary. From 2001 to 2012, he held various leadership roles at L3Harris. Prior to L3Harris, he was executive vice president and on the board of directors for Exigent International.

Melanie Keller, Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Commissioner for Operations**:** Keller previously served as deputy associate commissioner for operations and deputy chief operating officer, as well as chief talent officer.

Grace Graham, Policy, Legislation, and International Affairs Deputy Commissioner**:** Graham is a former long-time Republican Capitol Hill health staffer, having previously worked as the health policy director for the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee and as chief health counsel for the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Lowell Zeta, Adviser**:** Zeta most recently worked as a partner at Hogan Lovells after serving as senior counselor to the commissioner. He was responsible for leading the COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery and Preparedness Plan initiative.

Karim Mikhail, BPharm, MSc, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research Director

Michael Tammero, Deputy Associate Commissioner for External Affairs**:** Tammero previously held marketing roles at Fox News Media and is the founder of political marketing company America 250 Strategies.

Michael Davis, MD, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research Director**:** Davis previously worked in the Office of New Drugs' psychiatry division from 2016 to 2022. He most recently was chief medical officer for Usona Institute.

Anindita "Annie" Saha, Associate Director for Data Science and AI Policy**:** Saha is a 20-year agency veteran who will also keep her role as associate director for strategic initiatives at the Digital Health Center of Excellence within the device center.

Sean Keveney, Chief Counsel**:** Keveney was a career civil servant in the Department of Justice's civil rights division before becoming deputy general counsel at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in 2019.

Steven Kozlowski, MD, Chief Scientist**:** Kozlowski previously served as director of the Office of Product Quality Assessment III in the Office of Pharmaceutical Quality. He spent 18 years as the director of the Office of Biotechnology Products in the Office of Pharmaceutical Quality.

Ben Nichols, Senior Adviser for Communications

Angelo de Claro, Oncology Center of Excellence Director

Aneel Sandhu, Office of Biologics Inspectorate Deputy Director

Jared Seehafer, MS , Technology and Artificial Intelligence Deputy Commissioner

Bret Koplow, PhD, JD, Center for Tobacco Products Director

Tom Engels, Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration

Engels is a politician who served as the administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration from 2019 to 2021.

- *Senate confirmation is not required for this position*.

Mark Cruz, Indian Health Service Director

Cruz been a senior adviser to Kennedy. on tribal programs since June 2025. He was previously a senior public affairs strategist at Gallatin Public Affairs and a chief of staff in the Oregon House of Representatives. He was also deputy assistant secretary for policy and economic development on Indian affairs at the Interior Department during the first Trump administration.

- *Awaiting Senate confirmation*.

Jay Bhattacharya, MD, PhD, National Institutes of Health Director

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 National Institutes of Health leaders of suppressing scientific debate and research, and calling for an overhaul of the biomedical research agency.

- *Confirmation hearing before Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee on March 5. Executive session to consider nomination on March 13. Confirmed by the Senate 53-47 on March 25, 2025.*

Elisabeth Armstrong, Chief of Staff**:** Armstrong was formerly the Food and Drug Administration's director of the Office of the Executive Secretariat. Before that she held roles in health policy research at the financial firm Raymond James and several bioethics positions.

Anthony Letai, MD, PhD, National Cancer Institute Director**:** Letai is a medical oncologist at the Boston-based Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and a professor at Harvard Medical School. His career has focused on researching and treating hematological malignancies.

Jonathan Burke, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research Director**:** Burke is a dentist and oral and facial surgeon who previously worked in private practice in New Jersey.

Kyle Walsh, PhD, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Director**:** Walsh is a Duke University brain cancer researcher.

Richard Woychik, PhD, National Institutes of Health Make America Healthy Again Strategy Senior Advisor**:** Woychik is a molecular geneticist with a Ph. D. in molecular biology from Case Western Reserve University and postdoctoral training at Harvard Medical School. He most recently served as director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and the National Toxicology Program.

Jonathan M. Green, Chief Executive Officer of the National Institutes of Health's Clinical Center**:** Green joined the NIH in 2018 as director of the Office of Human Subjects Research Protections.

Steven Schiff, Fogarty International Center Director and Associate Director for International Research**:** Schiff is a pediatric neurosurgeon and the vice chair for global health in the Department of Neurosurgery at Yale University.

John Gaitanis, MD, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Director**:** Gaitanis is a pediatric neurologist and board member for the Medical Academy of Pediatrics and Special Needs.

Peter Embi, National Library of Medicine Director**:** Embí is a tenured professor of biomedical informatics and internal medicine and the endowed director of biomedical informatics at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

John Powers III, MD, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director**:** Powers serves as an infectious diseases attending physician at the NIH Clinical Center and is a professor of clinical medicine at George Washington University School of Medicine.

Timothy Westlake, Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use

Westlake is an emergency medicine physician. He is a former chair of the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board and previously served on the Wisconsin Controlled Substances Board and on the state's Task Force on Opioid Abuse.

- *Awaiting Senate confirmation*.

David Sacks, White House AI and Crypto Czar

Sacks is an entrepreneur, author, and investor in internet technology firms. He is a general partner of Craft Ventures, a venture capital fund he co-founded in late 2017.

- *Senate confirmation is not required for this position*.

Theo Merkel, Special Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy at the Domestic Policy Council

Merkel formerly served as the director of the Private Health Reform Initiative and a senior research fellow for the Paragon Health Institute and a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute. Previously, he served as Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy at the National Economic Council. He focuses primarily on health care policy in his current capacity.

- *Senate confirmation is not required for this position*.

Joel M. Zinberg, MD, Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy for Healthcare and Deregulation at the National Economic Council

Zinberg formerly served as the director of the Public Health and American Well-Being Initiative at Paragon Health Institute, and a senior fellow with the Competitive Enterprise Institute. He has practiced general and oncologic surgery in New York for nearly 30 years at the Mount Sinai Hospital and Icahn School of Medicine, where he remains an associate clinical professor of surgery.

- *Senate confirmation is not required for this position*.

Sean Cairncross, National Cyber Director

Cairncross was the CEO of the Millennium Challenge Corporation from 2019 to 2020, and a former senior adviser to Trump. Recently, he has served as the COO for the Republican National Committee.

- *Confirmation hearing before Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on June 5. Executive session to consider nomination on June 30. Confirmed by the Senate 59-35 on August 2, 2025*.