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Jennifer Homendy

Chair, National Transportation Safety Board
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Summary

Jennifer Homendy was sworn in as Chair of the National Transportation Safety Board in August 2021. She has served as the 44th Member of the NTSB since August 2018.

Homendy is a tireless advocate for safety and brings to the Board expertise in rail, pipeline, and hazardous materials safety (all modes).

From 2004-2018, Homendy served as Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, which is under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I Committee) of the United States House of Representatives.

During her tenure as Staff Director, Homendy guided major pieces of rail, pipeline, and hazardous materials safety legislation through the legislative process, including the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-432, Division A), the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-432, Division B), the Pipeline, Inspection, Protection, Enforcement, and Safety Act of 2006, the Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty, and Job Creation Act of 2011, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2016, the Protecting Our Infrastructure of Pipelines Enhancing Safety (PIPES) Act of 2016, and the Norman Y. Mineta Research and Special Programs Improvement Act of 2004, which created the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), an agency charged with overseeing the safety of our nation's pipelines and hazardous materials transportation within the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Throughout her tenure on the T&I Committee, she was an unwavering defender of transportation safety and worked to implement numerous NTSB safety recommendations,

including installation of excess flow valves in distribution pipelines and implementation of positive train control (PTC).

In 2010, Homendy spearheaded the T&I Committee's extensive oversight investigations of a pipeline rupture in Marshall, Michigan, and PHMSA, which led to major safety improvements in pipeline and hazardous materials safety. In 2017 and 2018, she led a multimodal review of DOT's drug and alcohol testing program which identified significant safety gaps in the program.

Chair Homendy is a graduate of Penn State, and a Masters candidate at Clemson University. In her spare time, she loves to swim, bike, and run. She has her motorcycle license and is currently pursuing a private pilot certificate.

Experience

National Transportation Safety Board

5 years 3 months

Chair

August 2021 - Present (2 years 3 months)

Member

August 2018 - August 2021 (3 years 1 month)

Washington, District Of Columbia

U.S. House of Representatives

Democratic Staff Director, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials

June 2004 - August 2018 (14 years 3 months)

Washington, District Of Columbia

International Brotherhood of Teamsters

Legislative Representative

June 1999 - June 2004 (5 years 1 month)

Washington, District Of Columbia

Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO

Legislative Representative

1997 - June 1999 (2 years)

Washington, District Of Columbia

American Iron and Steel Institute
Manager, Government Relations
1996 - 1997 (1 year)
Washington, District Of Columbia

National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)
Senate Assistant
September 1994 - July 1996 (1 year 11 months)
United States

Education

Clemson University
Master's degree, Transportation Safety Administration · (August
2020 - December 2021)

Penn State University