POSITION DESCRIPTION

**BOARD MEMBER/Chair, FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION**

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| **OVERVIEW** |
| Senate Committee | Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs |
| Agency Mission | To maintain stability and public confidence in the nation’s financial system by insuring deposits; examining and supervisingfinancial institutions for safety, soundness and consumer protection; and managing and resolving failed financial institutions[[1]](#endnote-1) |
| Position Overview | Members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) work to maintain stability and public confidence in the nation’s financial system by protecting insured bank accounts; supervising financial institutions for safety, soundness and consumer protection; and managing the orderly resolution of failed financial institutions.[[2]](#endnote-2) |
| Compensation | Level IV $155,500 (5 U.S.C. § 5315)[[3]](#endnote-3) |
| Position Reports to | The FDIC is an independent agency. |
| **RESPONSIBILITIES** |
| Management Scope | In fiscal 2015, the FDIC had a $2.1 billion operating budget (the FDIC receives no federal tax dollars; insured financial institutions fund its operations).[[4]](#endnote-4) The FDIC employs more than 7,000 people. It insures trillions of dollars of deposits in U.S. banks and thrifts—the deposits in virtually every bank and thrift in the country. The FDIC directly examines and supervises about 4,000 banks and savings banks—more than half of the institutions in the banking system—for operational safety and soundness [[5]](#endnote-5) . |
| Primary Responsibilities | * Insures deposits at the nation’s banks and savings associations
* Promotes the safety and soundness of these institutions by identifying, monitoring and addressing risks they are exposed to[[6]](#endnote-6)
* Manages receiverships (failed bank resolutions), which are akin to liquidations and resolutions of Co-operative Financial Institutions and Systematically Important Financial Institutions (those that are “too big to fail”), whereby the bank is kept open and run by an FDIC-appointed team
* Coordinates on regulation with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency[[7]](#endnote-7)
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| **REQUIREMENTS AND COMPETENCIES** |
| Requirements | * The board is composed of five members, three appointed by the president with the consent of the Senate and two ex officio members
* No more than three members of the board may be of the same political affiliation
* The three appointed members each serve six-year terms and must have state bank supervisory experience
* The president with the consent of the Senate also designates one of the appointed members as chairman of the board for a five-year term and one as vice chairman (12 U.S.C. § 1812)
* Strong working knowledge of finance, accounting and the American banking system
* Understanding of the structure and functioning of financial institutions and government financial regulation
* Background in professional financial institution regulation (a plus)
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| Competencies | * Chairman: Gravitas and ability to communicate to the public and the markets[[8]](#endnote-8)
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| **PAST APPOINTEES** |
| Martin J. Gruenberg (2011 to 2017): Vice Chairman, FDIC Board; Senior Counsel to Senator Sarbanes; Staff Director, Subcommittee on International Finance and Monetary Policy, Banking Committee[[9]](#endnote-9) |
| Sheila Bair (2006 to 2011): Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury; Vice President, NYSE; Commissioner, CFTC[[10]](#endnote-10)  |
| John M. Reich (2000 to 2006): Vice Chairman, Board of the FDIC; Deputy Chairman, Audit Committee, FDIC; Chief of Staff to Senator Connie Mack (R-FL); President and CEO, National Bank of Sarasota[[11]](#endnote-11) |

1. <https://www.fdic.gov/about/strategic/strategic/mission.html> [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. <https://www.fdic.gov/about/strategic/strategic/mission.html> [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 115-31, May 5, 2017), contains a provision that continues the freeze on the payable pay rates for certain senior political officials at 2013 levels during calendar year 2017. [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. <https://www.fdic.gov/about/strategic/report/2015annualreport/section4-01.html> [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
5. <https://www.fdic.gov/about/learn/symbol/index.html> [↑](#endnote-ref-5)
6. OPM [↑](#endnote-ref-6)
7. Romney Readiness Project position description [↑](#endnote-ref-7)
8. Romney Readiness Project position description [↑](#endnote-ref-8)
9. https://www.fdic.gov/about/learn/board/gruenberg/index.html [↑](#endnote-ref-9)
10. Romney Readiness Project position description [↑](#endnote-ref-10)
11. http://www.bizjournals.com/washington/stories/2009/02/09/daily83.html [↑](#endnote-ref-11)