



## The Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board

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### Press Release

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#### **NEW PCLOB BOARD MEMBERS RELEASE JOINT STATEMENT**

**Washington, DC**—Newly-confirmed Members of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (PCLOB), Chairman Adam Klein and Board Members Edward Felten and Jane Nitze, have released the following joint statement:

“On October 16, 2018, the Board regained a quorum for the first time since January 2017. Chairman Klein and Board Members Felten and Nitze would like to extend their sincere thanks to Board Member Elisebeth Collins and Board staff for their exceptional diligence, vision, and commitment during the sub-quorum period. Despite the limitations imposed by the absence of a quorum, Board staff and Board Member Collins preserved the Board as a functioning independent agency and continued its oversight and advice work. In addition, they carried forward the Board's important agency-building efforts and managed the Board's relocation to its new headquarters. These achievements have placed the Board on sound footing for long-term success.

“The Board would also like to thank former Chairman David Medine and former Members James Dempsey, Patricia Wald, and Rachel Brand for their contributions to the Board. The work carried out during their tenure informed the public, refined the balance between efforts to protect the nation against terrorism and privacy and civil liberties, and established a legacy of independence and rigor that will guide the Board in the future.”