



**U.S. PRIVACY AND
CIVIL LIBERTIES
OVERSIGHT BOARD**

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**PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES OVERSIGHT BOARD WELCOMES
SENATE CONFIRMATION OF NEW CHAIR AND MEMBER**

WASHINGTON, DC – The Senate has confirmed the nominations of Sharon Bradford Franklin and Beth Ann Williams to serve as Chair and Member, respectively, of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board.

Board Members Ed Felten and Travis LeBlanc have released the following statement:

“We congratulate our new colleagues on their confirmations and are pleased the Board will regain a quorum that will enable us to fully execute on our mission of ensuring that privacy and civil liberties are safeguarded alongside the government’s efforts to prevent terrorism.

“We are grateful to President Biden for these nominations and to the Senate for its consideration of the nominees and their continued bipartisan support for the agency.

“We look forward to working with our new colleagues and to the fresh energy and perspectives they will bring to the Board’s vital work.”

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The Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board is an independent agency within the Executive Branch established by the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007. The Board’s mission is to ensure that the federal government’s efforts to prevent terrorism are balanced with the need to protect privacy and civil liberties. The Board’s current Members are Edward W. Felten and Travis LeBlanc.