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NARUC Announces New Appointments to the Federal and State Current Issues Collaborative, Board of Directors, and Committee Leadership

WASHINGTON (September 2, 2025) — National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners President Tricia Pridemore has appointed new members to the [Federal and State Current Issues Collaborative](#). In addition, leadership changes have been made to the Subcommittee on Coal and Carbon Innovation, the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment and the NARUC Board of Directors.

NARUC provides two state commission representatives to the Federal-State Collaborative from each of the five NARUC regions to serve a one-year term from the date of appointment. Commissioners appointed for the following year are:

Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners

- Commissioner Kelsey Bagot, Virginia State Corporation Commission
- Commissioner Kathryn Zerfuss, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

Mid-America Regulatory Conference

- Chair Sarah Martz, Iowa Utilities Commission
- Commissioner Stacey Paradis, Illinois Commerce Commission

New England Conference of Public Utilities Commissioners

- Chairman Philip L. Bartlett II, Maine Public Service Commission
- Commissioner Pradip Chattopadhyay, New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission

Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

- Commissioner Karen Kemerait, North Carolina Utilities Commission
- Commissioner Gabriella Passidomo Smith, Florida Public Service Commission

Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners

- Vice Chair Nick Myers, Arizona Corporation Commission
- Chair Brian Rybarik, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

The Collaborative is the most recent effort bringing together federal and state utility regulators, following the Joint Federal-State Task Force on Electric Transmission, which concluded in 2024. In March 2024, the Federal and State Current Issues Collaborative was established by FERC.

“For more than 100 years, state public utility commissioners have planned, managed, studied, and led our nation’s essential energy services,” said NARUC President Tricia Pridemore, of the Georgia public Service Commission. “This year’s state members of the FERC-NARUC Collaborative carry on this legacy and establish critical communications with federal partners.”

Other recent appointments to key NARUC positions of responsibility include Kentucky Commissioner Angie Hatton as chair of the Subcommittee on Coal and Carbon Innovation and Wyoming Commissioner Mike Robinson as a member of the Board of Directors. These positions fill seats held previously by Wyoming Commissioner Emeritus Mary Throne. Florida Commissioner Mike A. La Rosa was named chair of the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, replacing Virginia State Corporation Commission Judge Jehmal Hudson who currently serves as NARUC second vice president.

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About NARUC

NARUC is a non-profit organization founded in 1889 whose members include the governmental agencies that are engaged in the regulation of utilities and carriers in the fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. NARUC's member agencies regulate telecommunications, energy, and water utilities. NARUC represents the interests of state public utility commissions before the three branches of the federal government.