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FLRA Announces Appointments to the Foreign Service Labor Relations Board

Susan Tsui Grundmann, Chairman of the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA), in her capacity as Chairperson of the [Foreign Service Labor Relations Board](#) (FSLRB), announces the appointment of the following FSLRB Members:

- Garber A. Davidson Jr. and
- Cheryl M. Long

As FSLRB Members, Mr. Davidson and Ms. Long will serve on a part-time basis, as disputes involving the Foreign Service arise. The Board is responsible for: (1) supervising and conducting elections and determining whether a labor organization has been selected as an exclusive representative; (2) resolving complaints of alleged unfair labor practices; (3) resolving issues related to the obligation to bargain in good faith; (4) resolving disputes over the effect or interpretation of a collective bargaining agreement; and (5) taking actions considered necessary to effectively administer the labor-management relations provisions of the Foreign Service Act.

Chairman Grundmann stated: “I am pleased to appoint these distinguished individuals to serve on the FSLRB, which is central to ensuring productive labor-management relations in the Foreign Service.”

More information on FSLRB can be found [here](#).

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The Foreign Service Labor Relations Board was created by the [Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 U.S.C. §§ 4101-4118](#) to administer the labor-management relations program for Foreign Service employees working for the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Agency for Global Media, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The FLRA administers the labor-management relations program for 2.1 million non-Postal federal employees worldwide, approximately 1.2 million of whom are represented in 2,200 bargaining units. It is charged with providing leadership in establishing policies and guidance related to federal sector labor-management relations and with resolving disputes under, and ensuring compliance with, the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute.