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Peter Barca Voted in as FTA Board President

Wisconsin DOR Secretary succeeds outgoing President Neena Savage

Wisconsin Department of Revenue Secretary Peter Barca was elected President of the Board of Trustees of the Federation of Tax Administrators (FTA) during its Annual Meeting last month in Providence, RI.

Secretary Barca's nomination was fully supported by the FTA Board of Trustees and confirmed by a unanimous vote of FTA's membership comprised of the nation's tax commissioners and administrators. Secretary Barca succeeds Neena Savage, Rhode Island Department of Revenue Division of Taxation's Tax Administrator, who served as FTA Board president since January 2022.

"I am proud of the amazing progress FTA has achieved under the leadership of President Savage and Executive Director Bonardi," said President Barca. "We have important work ahead and so many opportunities to elevate and deliver excellence as the nation's only organization in service to all fifty states and many municipal tax administrators."

President Barca joined the FTA Board in 2019 where he most recently held the first vice president position. His one-year term as president runs through June 2024. Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers in 2019 appointed then Wisconsin State Assembly Rep. Barca to lead the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. President Barca's career includes his time serving in the Wisconsin state legislature between 1985 to 1993, returning in 2009 and serving most of his second tenure as Assembly Minority Leader. After his service in the U.S. House of Representatives, he served as the Midwest Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration and then as the first national leader of the Regulatory Fairness Commission.

"I've had the great honor to work closely with President Barca the past few years and his depth of knowledge and innate ability to collaborate and bring people together on complex issues has been an incredible asset to this board and our members," said FTA Executive Director Sharonne Bonardi. "This is an exciting time to be in tax administration, and I look forward to working with President Barca and the entire Board of Trustees as we continue to work to achieve the goals we have set forth in our 5-year strategic plan to support our nation's departments of revenue and the challenges they face."

President Barca's career has a strong focus on small business prosperity, and equity. Early in his career he served in the education, employment and training fields, and as director of the Friendship Camp, where he worked with children with special needs. He also worked many years in the private sector, including as President of Aurora Associates International, a global project management company focusing on international development.

President Barca received his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, his master's in public administration and educational administration from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and attended graduate school at Harvard University. He is married to Kathleen Barca and the two have a son and a daughter together.

FTA serves the principal tax collection agencies of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Philadelphia, and New York City, providing its members with research and information exchange, training, and intergovernmental and interstate coordination services. FTA was organized in 1937 to improve the quality of state tax administration by providing services to state tax authorities and administrators.

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