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Barnett Appointed FTA Board of Trustees President Alabama DOR commissioner to succeed outgoing President Maduros

The Federation of Tax Administrators (FTA) announced Alabama Department of Revenue Commissioner Vernon Barnett will today begin serving as the FTA Board of Trustees president for a term running through June 2026.

Commissioner Barnett previously served as the FTA Board's first vice president, and was appointed president during the June 11 FTA Annual Member Meeting, replacing California Government Operations Agency Secretary Nick Maduros who now serves as the FTA Board's immediate past president.

"Commissioner Barnett has in so many ways committed himself to the continued progress of tax administration," said FTA Executive Director Sharonne Bonardi. "Beyond his service to FTA, he served as chair of the Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee, is the second vice president of the Southeastern Association of Tax Administrators Executive Committee, and is a senior executive board member of the IRS' Identity Theft Tax Refund Fraud Information Sharing and Analysis Center. All this, in addition to his prior service as chair of the Multistate Tax Commission, clearly demonstrates Vernon's dedication to the tax administration community."

Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey appointed Barnett to serve as commissioner of the state's Department of Revenue in May 2017, and he was appointed to the FTA Board in 2019.

Barnett has worked in state government for over 25 years – serving as a deputy solicitor general, deputy legal advisor to the governor, chief deputy commissioner of the Department of Corrections, and executive counsel of the Department of Environmental Management.

Other Board of Trustee Executive Committee appointments made during the Annual Meeting included:

- District of Columbia Office of Chief Financial Officer Deputy Chief Financial Officer Keith J. Richardson was appointed to serve as first vice president for a term running through June 2026.
- Illinois Department of Revenue Director David Harris was appointed to serve as second vice president for a term running through June 2026.
- New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Cabinet Secretary Stephanie Schardin Clarke was appointed to serve as Board secretary for a term running through June 2026.

Regional member appointments

Regional member appointments to the FTA Board of Trustees include the following:

Midwest

- Michigan Department of Treasury Deputy Treasurer Kavita Kale was appointed to a term running through June 2027.
- Nebraska Department of Revenue Commissioner Jim Camm was appointed to a term running through June 2026
- Wisconsin Department of Revenue Secretary David Casey was appointed to a term running through June 2027.

Northeast

- New Jersey Division of Taxation Acting Director Marita Sciarotta was appointed to a term running through June 2027.

- New York State Department of Taxation and Finance Acting Commissioner and General Counsel Amanda Hiller was appointed to a term running through June 2027.

Southeast

- Florida Department of Revenue Executive Director Jim Zingale was appointed to a term running through June 2027.
- North Carolina Department of Revenue Secretary McKinley Wooten was appointed to a term running through June 2027.

West

- Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Deputy Comptroller of Tax Phillip Ashley was appointed to a term running through June 2027.
- Utah State Tax Commissioner Chairman John Valentine was appointed to a term running through June 2027.
- Nevada Department of Taxation Executive Director Shellie Hughes was appointed to a term running through June 2027.

The Federation of Tax Administrators serves the principal state tax administrators of the 50 states, District of Columbia, New York City, and Philadelphia through research and information exchange, training, and intergovernmental and interstate coordination. Learn more on the FTA website at taxadmin.org.

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