



# WHO'S WHO IN THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

## CABINET REFERENCE GUIDE

The President's Cabinet includes the Vice President and the heads of 15 executive departments tasked with advising the President on any subject relating to the duties of each member's respective office.

CABINET POSITION	NOMINEE / APPOINTEE	BACKGROUND	POLICY INTERESTS / NOTABLE ISSUE STANCES	GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE
<b>Attorney General</b>	Sen. Jeff Sessions	Senator from Alabama; former State AG and nominee for a federal judgeship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Leading congressional opponent of illegal immigration and proponent of reducing legal immigration</li> <li>▶ Advocate of expanding construction of a Southern border fence</li> </ul>	Served in the U.S. Senate since 1997; held public office in Alabama since 1981
<b>Secretary of Agriculture</b>	Sonny Perdue	Former Governor of Georgia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ An immigration hawk</li> </ul>	Two terms as Georgia governor and a decade in the state legislature
<b>Secretary of Commerce</b>	Wilbur Ross	Billionaire Investor and founder of the investment firm W.L. Ross and Co	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Known as the "King of Bankruptcy" for restructuring steel, textile and mining companies, among others</li> <li>▶ Takes a critical view of U.S. trade policy of the last two decades</li> </ul>	None
<b>Secretary of Defense</b>	Gen. James Mattis	44-year career in the Marine Corps, served as head of U.S. Central Command	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Known for his candor, blunt talk and great attention to military tactics and strategy</li> <li>▶ Opposed the Iranian Nuclear Deal</li> </ul>	44 years in the military, no experience in civilian posts
<b>Secretary of Education</b>	Betsy DeVos	Michigan Education Activist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Advocate for expanding charter schools and private-school vouchers</li> </ul>	None
<b>Secretary of Energy</b>	Rick Perry	Former Texas Governor and former Presidential candidate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ An advocate of fiscal conservatism</li> <li>▶ Opposes federal health care reform and the Affordable Care Act</li> </ul>	Three-and-a-half terms as the Governor of Texas, eight years as Texas agriculture commissioner, and a short stint as lieutenant governor
<b>Secretary of Health and Human Services</b>	Eric Hargan (Acting)	Current Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services and previously served on president Trump's transition team for HHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Critic of the Affordable Care Act</li> <li>▶ Has long voiced skepticism of government regulations in health care</li> <li>▶ Supports greater transparency in health care prices and quality</li> </ul>	Held various positions within the Department of Health and Human Services from 2003 to 2007 under George W. Bush
<b>Secretary of Homeland Security</b>	Elaine Duke (Acting)	Previously the Seventh Deputy Secretary of Department of Homeland Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Advocate for the use of enhanced technology as a means to increased border security</li> </ul>	Nearly three decades of experience working for the federal government including time at the Department of Homeland Security serving under both Democratic and Republican presidents

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Secretary of Housing and Urban Development	Dr. Ben Carson	Retired neurosurgeon and former Presidential Candidate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Dedicated to strengthening communities that are most in need</li> <li>▶ Brings a personal experience of having grown up poor in Detroit</li> </ul>	None
Secretary of the Interior	Rep. Ryan Zinke	Member of Congress from Montana and retired Navy SEAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Strong advocate for American energy independence</li> <li>▶ Supports an all-encompassing energy policy</li> <li>▶ Supports mining and drilling</li> </ul>	Two years in the Montana Senate and two years as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Montana's at-large district
Secretary of Labor	Alexander Acosta	Dean of Florida International College of Law; former Assistant Attorney General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Tough on health care fraud and white collar crime during tenure as Assistant Attorney General</li> </ul>	Assistant Attorney General under the George W. Bush administration; member of the National Labor Relations Board
Secretary of State	Rex Tillerson	CEO ExxonMobil Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Business relationship ties with Russia</li> <li>▶ Recognizes climate change as a problem</li> </ul>	None
Secretary of Transportation	Elaine Chao	Former Labor Secretary, former chairman of the United Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Supported regulatory and legislative reforms in protecting the health, safety, wages and retirement security of U.S. workers</li> </ul>	Labor Secretary for both terms of the George W. Bush administration and served as deputy secretary in the Department of Transportation
Secretary of Treasury	Steven Mnuchin	Former Chief Information Officer for Goldman Sachs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Supports re-examining the Dodd-Frank regulations</li> </ul>	None
Secretary of Veterans Affairs	Dr. David Shulkin	Secretary of health for Veteran Affairs under the Obama Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Views suicide prevention as a top priority for the VA</li> <li>▶ Opposed to moving veterans' care to the private sector</li> </ul>	Under Secretary of Health for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs



## CABINET APPOINTMENT PROCESS

1. Nominated by the President/President-elect
2. Senate hearings before relevant Senate committee
3. Voted out of committee before going to full Senate
4. Confirmed by full Senate in floor vote

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