

Ms. Joyce L. Connery

Chair of the Board



Ms. Joyce L. Connery, a native of Massachusetts, was designated as Chair of the Board by President Biden on January 20, 2021. She was initially appointed to the Board by former President Obama in 2015, where she served as the Board's Chair from her appointment in August 2015 until January 2017. She was confirmed again by the Senate to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board on July 2, 2020, for a term expiring October 18, 2024. Ms. Connery has had an extensive career in the fields of nuclear security, safety, nonproliferation, and energy policy. Ms. Connery began her career at the national laboratories, first serving in Kazakhstan working on the shutdown of the BN-350 fast breeder reactor and then returning to Washington, DC, to work in the Office of International Safety in the Department of Energy's (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration. She has served in several capacities at DOE, including as the senior policy advisor to the Deputy Secretary of Energy. She also served two tours in the National Security Council. From February 2008 through May 2010, she worked in the area of nonproliferation and nuclear security, and from January 2012 through July 2015, she served as Director for Nuclear Energy Policy within the Office of International Economics. Ms. Connery received a B.A. from Tufts University and an M.A.L.D. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.