

AGENDA



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®
2021 REALTORS® LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS
FEDERAL FINANCING AND HOUSING POLICY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 5, 2021
11:30 AM–12:30 PM CDT**

CHAIR Melanie Barker (CA)
VICE CHAIR Paula Johnsen (CA)
COMMITTEE LIAISON Maura Neill (GA)
STAFF EXECUTIVE Sehar Siddiqi (DC)

PURPOSE To monitor and analyze current and prospective federal housing issues affecting the FHA single-family (1-4 units) housing programs, HUD-assisted housing programs, federal multifamily housing programs, the VA Home Loan Guaranty Program, the rural housing programs under the Rural Housing and Community Development Service, the Farmer MAC and the Farm Credit System, and federal budgetary policies and actions pertaining to each, and the Committee recommends appropriate public policies to address them.

I. Welcome and Meeting Overview: Melanie Barker, Chair

II. Approval of [November 2020 Minutes](#): Melanie Barker

III. Presentation from the Department of Veterans Affairs(VA): John Bell III, Deputy Director
John began his VA career in September 2010, and currently serves as the Deputy Director of Loan Guaranty Service. Along with his most recent position as Chief of Staff for the Deputy Undersecretary for Economic Opportunity, John served as the Assistant Director for Loan Policy and Valuation in the Loan Guaranty Service, where he headed three of the four business lines, overseeing eligibility, and origination, loan Policy, Valuation, Specially Adapted Housing, and all direct loans including the Native American Direct program.

A Veteran himself, John served in the US Navy during Operation Restore Hope and the Gulf War. Prior to his tenure with VA, John spent 15 years in the private sector, most recently with Bank of America, serving as Vice President of VA Real Estate Management. John also held a variety of senior leadership positions at large lending institutions including Countrywide Home Loans, as Senior Vice President of Sales and Operations, and Regional Vice President of Loan Operations.

IV. Discussion between Committee Members and VA

V. New Business: Paula Johnsen, Vice Chair

VI. Adjournment