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### **William W. Kirk Appointed Chair of CIGIE's Pandemic Response Accountability Committee**

Today, Tammy L. Hull, Acting Chair of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), announced the appointment of William W. Kirk, Inspector General of the U.S. Small Business Administration, to serve as the Chair of CIGIE's Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC). Mr. Kirk will replace outgoing Acting Chair Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, who has led the PRAC since April 2020.

Ms. Hull appointed Mr. Kirk pursuant to Section 15010 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act").<sup>1</sup> The CARES Act established the PRAC to promote transparency and support and coordinate oversight of all pandemic relief funds, totaling \$5 trillion. In July 2025, the One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBB) Act (P.L. 119-21) amended the CARES Act to extend the PRAC until September 30, 2034, and expanded the PRAC's jurisdiction to include programs funded in the OBBB Act.

"For nearly six years, the PRAC has played a critical role in conducting data-driven oversight of federal pandemic spending and worked with its federal law enforcement and IG community partners to help recover millions for American taxpayers," Ms. Hull said. "We owe IG Michael Horowitz a debt of gratitude for his effective and tireless leadership of the PRAC, and I am confident that IG Kirk's extensive business and executive management experience, and his commitment to ensuring integrity and accountability, will guide the PRAC to continued success moving forward."

"With the support of Congress, the PRAC built an analytics platform that has successfully identified improper payments and fraud across government programs, resulting in \$500 million in recoveries for taxpayers," Mr. Horowitz said. "It's been my privilege to work with the PRAC's extraordinary team, and I look forward to continuing to serve as an active member while supporting IG Kirk and the PRAC under its expanded jurisdiction."

"I am honored to serve as Chair of the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee," Mr. Kirk said. "I thank CIGIE Acting Chair Tammy Hull for appointing me to this role, and I am also grateful to IG Michael Horowitz for his leadership of the PRAC. I look forward to working closely with the PRAC to leverage technology to ensure integrity in pandemic relief programs, so they are used effectively, transparently, and in the best interests of the American people."

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<sup>1</sup> The CARES Act provides that the PRAC Chairperson shall be selected by the CIGIE Chairperson from among nine statutory members of the PRAC and have experience managing oversight of large organizations and expenditures.

Mr. Kirk's appointment as the PRAC Chair will be effective March 1, 2026, in addition to his role as the Inspector General of the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Mr. Kirk was sworn in as Inspector General of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) on January 6, 2026, following his appointment by President Donald J. Trump and confirmation by the U.S. Senate. With more than three decades of executive, legal, and operational leadership across higher education, private enterprise, and the Federal Government, Mr. Kirk has extensive experience in advancing transparency, strengthening internal controls, and combating fraud, waste, and abuse. Prior to his appointment, from March 2025 to October 2025, Mr. Kirk served as Acting Chief of Staff in the Office of General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Education. He also held several key leadership positions at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Inspector General. Read Mr. Kirk's full biography [here](#).

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