

Who's Who on the Commission

The Election Assistance Commission was created in 2002 to help states comply with federal rules and to set standards and distribute grants for voting equipment. Its members, two from each party, are nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate to four-year terms that are renewable once.



Donetta L. Davidson (Republican) was appointed in 2005 and is the current chairwoman. She had been Colorado's secretary of state for six years and before that state elections director and a county clerk in suburban Denver. Her term expires in December.



Gracia M. Hillman (Democrat) is a longtime figure in the voting rights movement and a former executive director of the League of Women Voters. She was president of a Washington consulting company when appointed in 2003. Her term expired in 2005, but she is serving until a replacement is named.



Caroline C. Hunter (Republican) was deputy director of the White House Office of Public Liaison when President Bush appointed her in 2007. She is a former attorney for the Republican National Committee and ombudsman for the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services. Her term expires in February 2011.



Rosemary E. Rodriguez (Democrat) was finishing her third year on the Denver City Council when she was appointed in 2007 to replace Ray Martinez, who resigned. She had previously been Denver's city clerk and director of boards and commissions for the mayor. Her term expires in December.