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**BBG Structure:** Members are appointed by POTUS and confirmed by the Senate. The Board consists of 8 bipartisan members, plus S as an ex-officio member. By law, there can be no more than 4 persons from the same party.

Currently the Chair is vacant plus 5 members' terms have expired.

I was wrong [redacted] - I'm sorry - he is a Republican. So WH would need to use one of the two expired D slots for [redacted]

In terms of potential R candidates, Tara recommended: [redacted]

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**Current Board**

**Chair:** Vacant (vice Walter Issacson)

**Current Board Members:**

**Republicans:**

- 1) Victor Ashe – Republican. **Term expired August 2010.** (also appointed in 2010 -- partial term)
- 2) Dennis Mulhaupt – Republican. **Term expired August 2011.** (appointed in 2010 -- partial term)
- 3) Dana Perino – Republican. Term expires August 2012
- 4) S. Enders Wimbush – Republican. **Term expired August 2010** (also appointed in 2010 -- partial term)

**Democrats:**

- 1) Michael Lynton -- Democrat. Acting Chair. Term expires August 2012
- 2) Susan McCue -- Democrat. **Term expired August 2011** (appointed in 2010 -- partial term)
- 3) Michael Meehan – Democrat. **Term expired August 2010** (also appointed in 2010 – partial term)

**Bios for Candidates with Expired Terms:**

- **Michael Meehan (D)** - serves as president of BGR Public Relations, Senior Vice President at Virilion, a digital media company and founder of Blue LineStrategic Communications. From Senate Chief of Staff to top political and communications posts at the three national Democratic Party Committees (DSCC, DCCC and DNC), Meehan has held positions of influence in the public policy and media relations arenas. He has worked in top advisory positions for many U.S. Senators, including Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle and Senators John Kerry and Barbara Boxer. From 2005 thru 2007 he served as Senator Maria Cantwell's (D-WA) Chief of Staff and chief strategist of her 2006 re-election campaign.
- **Susan McCue (D)**- a political strategist and President of Message Global LLC, a strategic public affairs firm she founded in January 2008 to advance progressive campaigns, global non-profit advocacy, grassroots activism and corporate social responsibility. McCue served as the Chief of Staff for U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) from 1999 – 2006 where she managed his leadership, policy and political operations. She also oversaw Reid's leadership and Nevada races.
- **Dennis Mulhaupt (R)**- Founder and Managing Director of Commonwealth Partners, Inc., a firm which provides advisory services to philanthropic institutions and families. He began his career working in an investment bank in London and subsequently established the West Coast international political and economic risk advisory department at a major U. S. financial services company. After 15 years in various corporate roles, he turned full-time to the non-profit sector. Before founding Commonwealth Partners, he served as Executive Vice President at KCET in Los Angeles, the West Coast flagship public broadcasting and media company.
- **S. Enders Wimbush (R)** –Senior Director, Foreign Policy and Civil Society at the German Marshall Fund of the United States. From 1987-93, he served as Director of Radio Liberty in Munich, Germany. Wimbush has worked for Booz Allen Hamilton, Science Applications International Corporation, the Rand Corporation as a consultant, strategist and analyst of international security issues, and for Runzheimer International as director of communications. Earlier Wimbush directed the Society for Central Asian Studies in Oxford, England. Wimbush studied for a PhD at the University of Chicago, where he received his A.M. from the Committee on International Relations. He also holds a B.A. in History from the University of Massachusetts at Boston.