



Kamela White
Clerk, Homeland Security Subcommittee

Kamela joined the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security in August 2019, and became the Clerk of the Subcommittee in September 2021. Prior to joining the subcommittee, Kamela spent 17 years at the Office of Management Budget (OMB), serving as the budget examiner for CBP and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services along with NASA Mission Support, the National Science Foundation, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Gallery of Art, and the National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities. Additionally, she was responsible for developing government-wide policies for cyber security and IT capital planning. Her responsibilities included policy and budget development, and drafting legislative proposals to streamline government operations, improve performance, and reduce costs. In late 2001, she was the OMB lead for homeland security information sharing and IT-related planning.

A key focus during her time at OMB was working with agencies to develop and incorporate outcome based data, which captured operational impacts, into annual budget discussions. This included working with CBP on their first workload staffing model which measured the impact of investments in personnel, scanning equipment, and targeting technology on wait times at air, land, and sea ports of entry and quantified how those investments contributed to improved flow of goods, job creation, increased GDP, and increased seizures of illegal items. Kamela continued this work when she joined CBP in 2017 to create a new division on enterprise analytics and modeling. She partnered with offices across CBP to apply innovative capabilities to identify what factors (investments) have the biggest impact on successfully achieving mission goals and she promoted the use of predictive analytics and modeling to gain a better idea of what is likely to happen in CBP's mission spaces in order to improve both CBP's planning and budgeting.

Kamela graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with a Bachelor of Science in Policy and Management and received her Masters in Public Policy from Georgetown University. Although from the Midwest originally, Kamela has lived in the District of Columbia long enough that anything below 40 degrees is too cold, thus losing any Midwest street cred she once held.