



The President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee



Committee Member Biography

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Kevin Kennedy
President and Chief Executive Officer
Avaya

Dr. Kevin J. Kennedy became president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Avaya upon joining the company in 2009.

Prior to his position with Avaya, Dr. Kennedy served as president and CEO of JDS Uniphase Corporation; he also served as a member of the company's board of directors. Before leading JDS Uniphase, Dr. Kennedy served as chief operating officer of Openwave Systems, Inc., senior vice president of the service provider line of business and software technologies division for Cisco Systems, Inc., and worked for AT&T Bell Laboratories for 17 years. Dr. Kennedy also served as a fellow to the U.S. House of Representatives committee on science, space, and technology in 1987.



Dr. Kennedy currently serves on the board of directors of KLA-Tencor Corporation. He has published over 30 papers on computational methods, data networking, and technology management. In 2003, Dr. Kennedy co-authored the text "Going the Distance: Why Some Companies Dominate and Others Fail." He has also been honored by the School of Engineering at Rutgers University as their "Alumnus of the Year" and awarded an Alumni Medal of Excellence in 2006.

He holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from Lehigh University and both master's and doctoral degrees in engineering from Rutgers University.