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## Committee Member Biography

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**William H. Swanson**  
**Chairman and Chief Executive Officer**  
**Raytheon Company**

Mr. William H. Swanson is chairman and chief executive officer (CEO) of Raytheon. Before being named chairman in 2004, he served as both CEO and president. Prior to that, Mr. Swanson was responsible for Raytheon's Government and defense operations. He joined Raytheon in 1972 and has held a wide range of leadership positions, including manufacturing manager of the company's equipment division, senior vice president and general manager of the missile systems division, general manager of Raytheon electronic systems, president of electronic systems, and chairman and CEO of Raytheon Systems Company.



Mr. Swanson is a member of the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation Board, the California Polytechnic State University President's Cabinet, the Cal Poly Foundation board of directors, the California STEM Learning Network board of directors, and a member of the board of directors for NextEra Energy, Inc. He is chairman of the Business-Higher Education Forum, honorary chair of MATHCOUNTS®, and serves on the University of Massachusetts President's Advisory Council. In addition, Mr. Swanson is a member of the board of governors' executive committee of the Aerospace Industries Association and is a fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. He is a member of the National Defense Industrial Association, the Air Force Association, the Association of the United States Army, and the Navy League. He is also a member of the board of advisors for the CIA Officers Memorial Foundations.

Mr. Swanson has received numerous awards over the course of his career, including the Navy League Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Award, the NDIA James Forrestal Industry Leadership Award, and the John W. Dixon Award from the Association of the United States Army.

Mr. Swanson graduated magna cum laude from California Polytechnic State University with a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering. He performed graduate work in business administration at Golden Gate University and was awarded an honorary doctorate degree in law from Pepperdine University as well as an honorary doctor of science degree from California Polytechnic State University.