



# Surface Transportation Board

## Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

*Office of the Chairman*

## Memorandum

**TO:** All Employees

**DATE:** January 31, 2025

**FROM:** Chairman Patrick Fuchs

**SUBJECT:** Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Policy Statement

This Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) policy statement underscores the commitment of the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to ensure that employees and applicants for employment are protected from unlawful discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age (40 or older), disability (physical and mental), conditions related to pregnancy and childbirth, genetic information (individual employee genetic information or family medical history), and from actions taken in retaliation or reprisal for an individual's opposition to discrimination or participation in the EEO process.

The STB will continue to provide a workplace that is free from all forms of discrimination, including protection against harassment and retaliation. This protection extends to all management practices and employment decisions, including, but not limited to, recruitment, hiring, merit promotions, transfers, reassignments, performance appraisals, training and career development, benefits, awards, and separations. Consistent with these obligations, the STB provides reasonable accommodations to employees and applicants for functional limitations caused by disabilities; for known limitations related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions; and for sincerely held religious beliefs, observances, and practices.

Moreover, the STB continues to actively promote the principles of equal employment opportunity to cultivate an environment where all employees are valued, treated with respect and dignity, and have the opportunity to compete fairly. Accountability for maintaining this environment rests with the entire STB community, including executive leadership, supervisors, managers, and staff.

Any STB employee or applicant who believes they have faced discrimination, harassment, or retaliation should contact an EEO Counselor or the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity within 45 calendar days of the incident. To report such issues, contact details are as follows: call (202) 360-9302 or email [eeo@stb.gov](mailto:eeo@stb.gov).

STB's Anti-Harassment Procedures, outlined in [STB Administrative Issuance No. 5-828](#), provide mechanisms for addressing workplace harassment, separate from the EEO complaint process. Additionally, [STB Administrative Issuance No. 5-827](#) outlines our procedures for providing reasonable accommodations and personal assistance services for employees with disabilities.

As Chairman of the STB, I am personally committed to ensuring all employees and applicants are treated with dignity and respect. This includes encouraging managers and supervisors to routinely consider and implement initiatives that promote fairness and accessibility in all aspects of personnel management. We remain dedicated to selecting, promoting, training, and recognizing employees based on merit, knowledge, skills, and abilities. I challenge everyone within our organization to continue promoting a culture that values engagement and respect.