President-elect Joe Biden is rolling out his picks for Cabinet heads and other high-ranking administration officials. Some of these appointments — namely, Marco Rubio for the SEC and Julian Castro for HUD — must be confirmed by the Senate. Others, like the national security adviser, do not need to be confirmed. Here are Biden’s nominees and appointment tracker. This post was last updated on Jan. 4, 2021.

Cabinet nominees

**INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

**SECRETARY OF STATE**

Kerry was secretary of State during President Obama’s second term. He also helped negotiate and sign the Paris Agreement to lower greenhouse gas emissions. He was the first Black man to serve as a Cabinet secretary.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Garland was previously nominated to the Supreme Court by Obama, though his nomination was never brought to a vote in the Senate. If confirmed, Garland would be the first Native American Cabinet secretary. He was also the first Native American woman to serve in the Senate. Prior to his election as mayor, Obama nominated him to the Supreme Court.

**COMMERCE SECRETARY**

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**DEFENSE SECRETARY**

Emanuel was a deputy national security adviser and deputy secretary of Homeland Security during President Barack Obama’s administration.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SECRETARY**

Walensky was the first female deputy director for preparedness and response at the CDC. She previously worked at the Massachusetts General Hospital and was also a member of the Biden Covid-19 task force. If confirmed, Walensky would be the first woman to head the CDC.

**NOMINATED TO THE SUPREME COURT**

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**LABOR SECRETARY**

Mayorkas served as deputy, Homeland Security secretary during Obama’s second term. He was previously a union general. At the time of his nomination, Rubio was the Senate’s top Latino Republican and Democratic party.

**EDUCATION SECRETARY**

Cardona was formerly mayor of New Britain. He also previously served as a public school teacher. At the time of his nomination, Cardona was the first Black woman to chair the National School Board. If confirmed, Rouse would be the first Black woman to chair the National School Board.

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