



The Honorable Susan M. Gordon is the former Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, serving from 2017-2019, where she advised the President on intelligence matters and provided operational leadership of the agencies and organizations of the Intelligence Community (IC). She is a widely respected authority on risk management, technical innovation, and cyber and space issues. Today, she is an active board member, university fellow, and advises private companies in the areas of technology, strategy, and leadership.

Throughout Ms. Gordon's more than three decades in the IC, she led organizational change and delivered revolutionary outcomes. She adapted the IC to emerging economic, military, and political trends impacting the current operating environment. Ms. Gordon led the establishment of In-Q-Tel, the Central Intelligence Agency's venture arm, in the 1990s. In the last several years, she focused on advancing intelligence integration across the IC, expanding outreach and partnerships to the private sector and international allies, and driving innovation across the Community.

While serving as Deputy Director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) from 2015 to 2017, Ms. Gordon helped lead NGA through a transformation to adapt to emergent challenges. In this role, she spearheaded agile decision-making, modernization of the information environment, and the expansion of geospatial intelligence services to the open marketplace.

Ms. Gordon joined the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in 1980 and served for 29 years, rising to senior executive positions in each of the Agency's four directorates: operations, analysis, science and technology, and support. She is renowned for her commitment to mentorship and diversity and inclusion, serving as a champion for the LGBTQIA+ community. Ms. Gordon is recognized for her creative executive leadership, receiving numerous awards, including the Distinguished Intelligence and Distinguished Career Intelligence medals, Presidential Rank awards, and the Oliver Baker and William Webster awards.

Ms. Gordon is a fellow at Duke and Harvard Universities; serves as an independent director on the boards of CACI International, Avantus Federal, BlackSky, and SecurityScorecard; is a trustee of the MITRE Corporation; and is an advisor for several technology companies including Microsoft Corporation as well as the Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation. She also continues to participate on government advisory boards on national security and intelligence.

Ms. Gordon holds a Bachelor of Science from Duke University where she was a three-time captain of the Duke Women's Basketball team. She is married to fellow Duke graduate Jim Gordon with whom she has two grown children, four grandchildren, and two Greater Swiss Mountain dogs, Astro and Elroy.