

## President Obama Consults With Trumka On New NLRB Nominees

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*Politico* and other media outlets are [reporting](#) that President Obama's administration consulted with AFL-CIO head Richard Trumka to come up with his two replacement nominees for the NLRB. This came about as part of a Senate deal to avoid the so-called "nuclear option" of changing the body's filibuster rules in exchange for the President withdrawing the re-nomination of two current members who were originally installed through controversial recess appointments.

The President's new nominations will be Nancy Schiffer, former associate general counsel at the AFL-CIO, and Kent Hirozawa, who has served as Chief Counsel to NLRB Chairman Mark Pearce since 2010. Previously, he had served as a field attorney in Region 2 of the Board in the mid-1980s after clerking in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Prior to returning to the Board, he worked at a pro-union law firm in New York.

Insight into Schiffer's positions on the Board's important role in overseeing representation elections can be found in [her February 8, 2007 testimony](#) before the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions which she entitled, "Strengthening America's Middle Class Through the Employee Free Choice Act."

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