

## **Senate Commerce Committee Nominee Questionnaire, 118th Congress**

Instructions for the nominees: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (the "Committee") asks you to provide typed answers to each of the following questions. It is requested that the nominee type the question in full before each response. Do not leave any questions blank. Type "None" or "Not Applicable" if a question does not apply to the nominee. Begin each section (i.e., "A", "B", etc.) on a new sheet of paper. Electronically submit your completed questionnaire to the Committee in PDF format and ensure that sections A through E of the completed questionnaire are in a text searchable and that any hyperlinks can be clicked. Section F may be scanned for electronic submission and need not be searchable.

### **A. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Name (Include any former names or nicknames used):

**Carl Whitney Bentzel**

2. Position to which nominated:

**Commissioner, Federal Maritime Commission**

3. Date of Nomination: July 11, 2024

4. Address (List current place of residence and office addresses):

[REDACTED]  
**Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) (Office)**  
**Suite 1026**  
**800 North Capitol St NW**  
**Washington, DC 20573**

5. Date and Place of Birth:

**07/25/1963: Place of Birth: Bethesda, Md.**

6. Provide the name, position, and place of employment for your spouse (if married) and the names and ages of your children (including stepchildren and children by a previous marriage).

**Spouse: Suzanne Marie Bentzel employed by the West Virginia University. Children - C.J. Bentzel (21), [REDACTED]**

7. List all college and graduate schools attended, whether or not you were granted a degree by the institution. Provide the name of the institution, the dates attended, the degree received, and the date of the degree.

**B.A. Degree (History), St. Lawrence University, 1985**

**J.D. Degree, University of Alabama, 1989**

**L.L.M. Degree in Admiralty Law, Tulane University, 1990**

8. List all post-undergraduate employment, including the job title, name of employer, and inclusive dates of employment, and highlight all management-level jobs held and any non-managerial jobs that relate to the position for which you are nominated.

**Democrat Counsel for Maritime Policy, House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries (1990-1994).**

**Democrat Senior Counsel, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation (1995-2004).**

**Vice President, DCI Group LLC (2004-2014).**

**Partner, SB Capitol Solutions (2014-2016).**

**Principal, Bentzel Strategies LLC (2016-2019).**

**Commissioner, U.S. Federal Maritime Commission (2019-present).**

9. Attach a copy of your resume.

**Attached at end of questionnaire.**

10. List any advisory, consultative, honorary, or other part-time service or positions with Federal, State, or local governments, other than those listed above after 18 years of age.

**Not Applicable.**

11. List all positions held as an officer, director, trustee, partner, proprietor, agent, representative, or consultant of any corporation, company, firm, partnership, or other business, enterprise, educational, or other institution.

**List of entities for whom I consulted:**

- **Hydrogen Energy California LLC**
- **Specialized Carrier and Rigging Association**
- **American Roll-on Roll-off Carriers**
- **American Task Force Argentina**
- **CEMEX**
- **Exxon Mobil**
- **Great River Economic Development Foundation**
- **Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association (OOIDA)**
- **Verizon**
- **Inspire STEM Coalition**
- **Intelligent Car Coalition**
- **DCI Group LLC**

12. Please list each membership you have had after 18 years of age or currently hold with any civic, social, charitable, educational, political, professional, fraternal, benevolent or religiously affiliated organization, private club, or other membership organization. (For this question, you do not have to list your religious affiliation or membership in a religious house of worship or institution.). Include dates of membership and any positions you have held with any organization. Please note whether any such club or organization restricts membership on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, or disability.

**Propeller Club of Washington DC (2008-2012, est.)**

**Country Club at Woodmore (2004 to present)**

**Both organizations do not discriminate.**

13. Have you ever been a candidate for and/or held a public office (elected, non-elected, or appointed)? If so, indicate whether any campaign has any outstanding debt, the amount, and whether you are personally liable for that debt.

**Not applicable.**

14. List all memberships and offices held with and services rendered to, whether compensated or not, any political party or election committee within the past ten years. If you have held a paid position or served in a formal or official advisory position (whether compensated or not) in a political campaign within the past ten years, identify the particulars of the campaign, including the candidate, year of the campaign, and your title and responsibilities.

**Not applicable.**

15. Itemize all political contributions to any individual, campaign organization, political party, political action committee, or similar entity of \$200 or more for the past ten years.

**Joe Manchin (\$2516)**

**Cheri Bustos (\$500)**

**Rick Nolan (\$500)**

**Garret Graves (\$1500)**

**Sam Graves (\$1000)**

**Shelley Moore Capito (\$250)**

**Patrick McHenry (\$500)**

**Dan Lipinski (\$500)**

16. List all scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, honorary society memberships, military medals, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievements.

**Coast Guard's Medal for Meritorious Public Service  
Maritime Security Council's Man of the Year Award**

17. List each book, article, column, letter to the editor, Internet blog posting, or other publication you have authored, individually or with others. Include a link to each publication when possible. If a link is not available, provide a digital copy of the publication when available.

**Prior to my position as Commissioner, I published the following materials related to my expertise in maritime shipping, transportation and energy, and have included access to these materials below.**

**Book:**

**McGraw-Hill's Handbook on Homeland Security, port security chapter, (chapter 36).**

**Op-Eds:**

- **Security in U.S. ports is severely lagging 3/1/2006:**  
*<https://maritime-executive.com/article/2006-03-01commentary-by-carl-benzel-on-dubai-por>*
- **All of the Above Transportation Funding 3/17/2017:**  
*<https://morningconsult.com/opinions/transportation-funding-its-all-of-the-above/>*
- **Trump Should Reverse Obama -Era South Atlantic Oil and Gas Restrictions 4/07/2017**  
*<https://morningconsult.com/opinions/trump-reverse-obama-era-south-atlantic-oil-gas-restictions/>*

- **It's Not About a Wall, but It Is All About Over, Under, Around, and Through 11/27/2017:**  
*<https://morningconsult.com/opinions/its-not-about-a-wall-but-it-is-about-over-around-under-through/>*

**As Federal Maritime Commissioner I have issued the following two reports:**

- **Assessment of the People's Republic of China's Control of Container and Intermodal Chassis**  
**Report:**<https://www.fmc.gov/wpcontent/uploads/2022/03/ContainerandChassisManufacturingFinalReport.pdf>
- **Maritime Transportation Data Initiative (MTDI) Views and Report:**  
[content/upioads/2023/04/MTDIReportandViews.pdf](https://www.fmc.gov/wpcontent/uploads/2023/04/MTDIReportandViews.pdf)

- 18.** List all speeches, panel discussions, and presentations (e.g., PowerPoint) that you have given on topics relevant to the position for which you have been nominated. Include a link to each publication when possible. If a link is not available, provide a digital copy of the speech or presentation when available.

**During the course of my close to fifteen-year work experience in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, I was asked on average about five times a year to provide legislative update speeches to groups involved in maritime and transportation policy. All speeches were given under the constraints of my professional obligations to the House and Senate Committees where I worked. All remarks that I made were made off of the cuff, and I do not have notes either. I have attached internet access to all speeches and events that I could readily locate that discussed my comments.**

<http://www.thebreakingnews.com/files/articles/ncorpcharlestontranscript.pdf>. National Council on Readiness and Preparedness (port security on 11/30/2006)

<https://www.upi.com/Washington-Agenda-GeneraU62791021663216/>  
Center for Strategic and International Studies holds a program with U.S.

Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta to discuss Post-9/11 Environment. (port security on 5/20/2002)

<http://www.tvworldwide.com/events/hdi/070307> / [Border, Maritime and Transportation Security Conference](#) (port security on 3/7/2007)

<https://m.marinelog.com/docs/MLEGMMIV/mle2MMIV2.html> Marine Log Conference {maritime legislative update on 9/23/2004}

<https://www.truckinginfo.com/108276/in-the-end-truckers-costs-are-shippers-costs-too> NIT League panel discussion (trucking driver shorta2e on 5/23/2012)

<http://www.island.lk/2004/07/05/busine06.html> Washington Press Club Panel Discussion (port security on 5/7/2004)

During the course of my close to five-year work experience on the Federal Maritime Commission, I was asked on average about three to five times a month to provide maritime policy and maritime regulatory policy update speeches to groups involved in maritime and transportation policy. All speeches were given under the constraints of my professional obligations as a Federal Maritime Commissioner. I have included my schedule of speaking events, however, most remarks that I made were made off of the cuff, I have attached any power point presentations that are still accessible as. I have attached internet access to all speeches and events that I could readily locate that discussed my comments.

19. List all public statements you have made during the past ten years, including statements in news articles and radio and television appearances, which are on topics relevant to the position for which you have been nominated, including dates. Include a link to each statement when possible. If a link is not available, provide a digital copy of the statement when available.

Below is a list of speaking engagements to industry groups. The topics have typically been educating on the FMC mission, pandemic and supply chain disruptions, Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2022 (OSRA-22) Maritime Transportation Data Initiative (MTDI) and general agency and industry updates. Many of my presentations had a standard power point document, prepared to provide structure to the discussion. I have linked these presentations with the speaking engagement whenever possible.

- January 8, 2020. Speaking Engagement Port of Houston. I accompanied a fellow Commissioner and provided general comments and background on myself as a new Commissioner. (Houston, TX).
- Sept 22, 2020. Charleston Maritime Exchange (1647 King Street St. Extension). No prepared remarks but provided comments on my background working with the S.C. delegation as a staffer for the Commerce Committee and to former Chairman Hollings. (Charleston, SC).
- October 22, 2020. U.S. Department of Commerce. [Supply Chain Advisory Committee Meeting Inland Waterway](#)
- February 16, 2021. National Association of Waterfront Employers (NAWE) Keynote Presentation. [NAWE](#)
- February 18, 2021. American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA). [Communications, Administration & Legal Issues Seminar - Carl Bentzel Recording Session \(Detention and Demurrage\)](#)
- February 18, 2021, Agriculture Transportation Coalition. USDA Ag Shipper Workshop w/FMC Commissioners Bentzel and Maffei (No prepared remarks).
- February 22, 2021. [The State of Shipping, featuring Commissioner Carl Bentzel of the Federal Maritime Commission National Association of Chemical Distributors {NACD\) presentation and conversation with shipping industry subjects that may include the shipping delays, customer service, rate increases, port issues, and more.](#)
- March 4, 2021. AAPA Anywhere: [Winter Security Committee Meeting](#)
- March 18, 2021. [European Maritime Law Organization \(EMLO\)](#) "U.S. Maritime Policy Under the Biden Administration: Continuity or Change?" The other panelists include Bill Doyle (port focus) and R. Adm. Mike Rodriguez.
- March 18, 2021. National Industrial Transportation League (NITL) Summit presentation (No prepared remarks)
- March 30, 2021. [In Conversation with FMC's Commissioner Carl Bentzel - Demurrage and Detention & Managing Port Operations](#)
- May 10, 2021. [Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries Board meeting;](#)
- May 12, 2021. [Five California District Export Councils Virtual Meeting Virtual Capitol Summit \(CalChamber - CA Legislative Issues Summit\)](#)
- June 3, 2021. [TIA Airfreight & International Logistics Conference Quarterly Meeting Featuring Commissioner Bentzel, FMC](#)



- June 24, 2021. [American Trucking Association \(ATA\) IMCC Board Presentation regarding FMC priorities and discuss key motor carrier concerns.](#)
- July 15, 2021. [Steptoe Supply Chain University](#)
- July 26, 2021. [DISCUS Webinar on International Shipping with the Federal Maritime Commission](#) (Join DISCUS for a conversation with Federal Maritime Commissioner Carl W. Bentzel to discuss FMC's role in addressing the various challenges facing importers and exporters, such as demurrage and detention practices, increased freight costs, container shortages, and port delays).
- August 11, 2021. [NACD Board Meeting: \(San Antonio TX\)](#)
- August 25, 2021. [State of Shipping US Exporters Competitive Maritime Council \(ECMC\)](#)
- [August 25, 2021. Commissioner Bentzel Meeting with Global Soy Trade Exchange and Specialty Grains Conference \(St. Louis, MO\)](#)
- August 30, 2021. Roundtable, "[Build Back Better](#) - the Supply Chain" (Port of Oakland).
- September 1, 2021. Stakeholder Roundtable on Data Transparency with Commissioner Bentzel and Congressman Lowenthal Mario Cordero and Gene Seroka, 415 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802 (No prepared remarks-this was a listening session).
- September 17, 2021. [Tulane Maritime Law Society Virtual Presentation by Federal Maritime Commissioner -Carl Bentzel on Maritime Law Industry](#)
- September 24, 2021. [American Pyrotechnics Association Annual Convention \(Keynote Speaker\) San Antonio TX\)](#)
- September 28, 2021. [American Automotive Leasing Association Annual Meeting \(Keynote\) Houston, TX\)](#)
- September 29, 2021. [Breakbulk Conference Speech](#) (Houston, TX).
- October 5, 2021. [Cal Chamber \(Zoom meeting re Port Congestion\)](#)
- October 13, 2021. NYSHEX Symposium (Washington DC) - General Remarks on the history of shipping act reauthorization bills (no prepared remarks).
- October 14, 2021-Private Railcar Food and Beverage Association Meeting - What's Going On With Ocean Freight?
- October 23, 2021 - [Wine and Spirits Shippers Association \(WSSA\)](#) (Savannah, GA).

- November 8, 2021 - International Chemical Trade Association (What's Going On With Ocean Freight?). (no prepared remarks).
- November 15, 2021. Port and Ocean Shipping Task Force Webinar (National Association of Manufacturers Port Task Force). (no prepared remarks).
- November 29, 2021. [NTD News Business Interview with Commissioner Bentzel](#)
- January 26, 2022. [American Ship Brokers Association Annual General Meeting in NYC \(Keynote Speaker\)](#)
- February 15, 2022. [Keynote Speaker The National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones \(NAFTZ\) 2022 Legislative Summit \(Washington, DC\)](#)
- February 25, 2022. [Keynote Remarks Ecosystem of the American Maritime Industry \(Teams\)](#)
- February 28, 2022. Trans-Pacific Maritime (TPM) Conference Speaking Engagement (with Peter Tirshwell) (Long Beach, CA).
- March 17, 2022. The National Association of Maritime Organizations (NAMO) (to speak on MTDI) (Washington, DC). (no prepared remarks).
- May 2, 2022. Intermodal Association of North America Education Session (Chicago, IL).
- May 10, 2022. AASHTO Water Transportation Council on the Assessment of the People's Republic of China's Control of Container and Intermodal Chassis Manufacturing Report (Zoom).
- May 14, 2022. [Transportation Lawyers Association Annual Conference \(Keynote\) Williamsburg, VA](#)
- May 15, 2022. World Ports Conference Talk on Maritime Transportation Data Initiative (MTDI) (Vancouver BC).
- June 7, 2022. [Call with Retail Industry Leaders Assn \(RILA\) - member companies \(BCOs\)](#)
- June 9, 2022. [Maritime Trades Department speaking engagement \(Philadelphia\)](#)
- June 15, 2022. [USA Poultry & Egg Export Council Annual Meeting \(Keynote\) \(TEAMS\)](#)
- July 11, 2022. Commissioner Bentzel Interview with Digital Container Shipping Association (DCSA).

- September 22, 2022. [Chamber of Commerce's Transportation Infrastructure Logistics Committee](#)
- September 30, 2022. [Utah Chamber of Commerce \(Washington DC\)](#)
- October 6, 2022. [Lunch Keynote Speaker- Maritime Security Symposium](#) (Navy League Event) (NY, NY).
- October 17, 2022. AAPA Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) on MTDI, Orlando, FL.
- November 3, 2022. [NYSHEX Annual Conference Panel \(MTDD\)](#) (NY, NY).
- December 15, 2022. [NAWE Annual Conference](#)
- January 4, 2023. Specialty Soy and Grains Alliance Remarks (prerecorded).
- February 2, 2023. [NY/NJ Foreign Freight Forwarders Association in Jersey City](#)
- February 7, 2023. American Chemistry Council Board Rail, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (no prepared remarks).
- February 15, 2023. Department of Commerce Supply Chain Advisory Committee (OSRA-22 Implementation) (no prepared remarks).
- February 27, 2023. TPM Keynote Discussion (OSHRA-22 Implementation) (no prepared remarks). (Long Beach, CA).
- March 13-17, 2023. Ports of Antwerp and Rotterdam Europe Trip (Meeting with EU on MTDI and DCSA Standards Committee on MTDI)
  - March 15<sup>th</sup> - [Commissioner Bentzel MTDI Presentation to Digital Container Association Board of Directors](#), Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- April 5, 2023. [Creating Standards for Port Optimization Systems - Port of the Future Conference](#) (Houston, TX).
- April 18, 2023. [Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries Convention & Exposition Maritime Transportation Data Initiative \(MTDI Recommendation, Memphis, TN\)](#)
- April 24, 2023. OMSA Membership and Board of Directors 2023 Spring Conference (Washington, DC). (no prepared remarks).
- April 25, 2023. Construction Industry Supply Chain Roundtable (Washington, DC) (no prepared remarks).
- April 26, 2023. [Cargomatic Fireside Chat \(zoom\)](#)

- April 27, 2023. [Chamber of Commerce Infrastructure Committee](#) (Washington, DC). (no prepared remarks).
- May 16, 2023. [Ocean Carrier Equipment Management Association](#) (OCEMA) Lunch Speaker (Washington, DC). (no prepared remarks).
- May 23, 2023. [Freight Buyers Club Interview \(Mike King\)](#). (no prepared remarks).
- June 16, 2023. [American Cotton Shippers Association \("ACSA"\) Keynote, Park City, Utah](#)
- September 11, 2023. [NCBFAA Annual Government Affairs Conference](#) (GAC) (Washington, DC)
- September 12, 2023. Global Shipping Crime Conference (USDOT). (no prepared remarks).
- October 5, 2023. Maritime Security Conference (NY, NY). (no prepared remarks).
- October 11, 2023. [NITL Engage Conference - The Supply Chain Nexus: A Forward Thinking Conversation with FMC, STB and DOT](#) (Columbus, OH).
- October 31, 2023. [Houston International Maritime Conference - How OSRA Continues to Impact the Industry 2nd Annual Houston International](#) (Houston, TX).
- November 1, 2023. [ASTM - Maritime Transportation Data Initiative \(MTDI Preliminary Recommendations And Next Steps](#)
- November 3, 2023. NYSHEX Ocean Strategy Forum (NY, NY)
- November 7, 2023. [Legal/Regulatory Hot Topics: A Conversation with Commissioner Bentzel \(Health & Personal Care Logistics Conference\) \(Chicago\)](#)
- December 5, 2023. [Harnessing and Harmonizing Data Through Information Sharing FMC Commissioner Carl W. Bentzel Smart Digital Ports of the Future Conference 2023-Halifax, Canada](#)
- February 28, 2024. Supply Chain & Logistic Summit, PR Manufacturers Association (Keynote speaker) San Juan, Puerto Rico. (no prepared remarks).
- March 13, 2024. Illinois Trucking Association (Teams meeting). (no prepared remarks).
- March 27, 2024. [Participant in Port of Gulfport, MS Roundtable](#) (see linked agenda. No prepared remarks)

- May 1, 2024. Brief Remarks at **ZEBOX** (Arlington, VA) (no prepared remarks)
- May 14, 2024. Northwest Seaport Alliance-Peak Season Planning Conference presentation
- May 15, 2024. [Expeditors State of the Industry, Key Note Presentation \(Seattle, WA\)](#)
- May 22-23, 2024. [Crossroads of the World Summit](#), Utah Chamber of Commerce Participant (no prepared remarks. Agenda linked)
- July 31, 2024. AgTC-USDA Ag Shipper Workshop: Federal Maritime Commissioner Carl Bentzel (No prepared remarks)
- August 19, 2024. National Shipper Advisory Committee-August 2024 Meeting (No prepared remarks)

During my term as an FMC Commissioner, I provided regular updates on Road Dog Trucking ([channel 146](#)) featuring Mark Willis (Road Dog News) and Dan Ronan (Transport Topics) on industry conditions and issues of the day. My remarks have been my own and not of the FMC. The general issues I have discussed over the past four years have been pandemic shipping and supply chain conditions, passage and deliberation of the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2022, the Maritime Transportation Data Initiative (MTDI); Detention and Demurrage (D&D). Below are the dates that I have appeared on Trucker Radio. The clips are only posted for three days after the appearance.

- February 13, 2020 - Road Dog Trucking ([channel 146](#)) featuring Mark Willis
- May 7, 2020 - Road Dog Trucking ([channel 146](#)) featuring Mark Willis
- May 12, 2020- Road Dog Trucking ([channel 146](#)) Dan Ronan - Transport Topics
- July 13, 2020 - Road Dog Trucking ([channel 146](#)) featuring Mark Willis
- January 12, 2021 - Road Dog Trucking ([channel 146](#)) Dan Ronan - Transport Topics
- March 15, 2021- Road Dog Trucking ([channel 146](#)) Dan Ronan - Transport Topics
- April 17, 2021 - Road Dog Trucking ([channel 146](#)) featuring Mark Willis
- June 21, 2021 - Road Dog Trucking ([channel 146](#)) featuring Mark Willis

- September 15, 2021 - Road Dog Trucking ([channel 146](#)) featuring Mark Willis
- October 21, 2021 - Road Dog Trucking ([channel 146](#)) featuring Mark Willis
- March 15, 2022 - Road Dog Trucking ([channel 146](#)) Dan Ronan - Transport Topics
- June 6, 2022 - Road Dog Trucking ([channel 146](#)) featuring Mark Willis
- June 21, 2022 - Road Dog Trucking ([channel 146](#)) Dan Ronan - Transport Topics (Passage of OSRA-22)
- June 24, 2022 - Road Dog Trucking ([channel 146](#)) featuring Mark Willis (Passage of OSRA-22)
- August 23, 2022 - Road Dog Trucking ([channel 146](#)) Dan Ronan - Transport Topics
- October 11, 2022 - Road Dog Trucking ([channel 146](#)) featuring Mark Willis
- December 19, 2022 - Road Dog Trucking ([channel 146](#)) featuring Mark Willis
- May 8, 2023, Interview w/ Dan Ronan on Dave Nemo Show (Trucker Radio-146)
- October 23, 2023 - Road Dog Trucking ([channel 146](#)) featuring Mark Willis
- March 12, 2024 - Road Dog Trucking ([channel 146](#)) featuring Mark Willis
- April 22, 2024 - Road Dog Trucking ([channel 146](#)) featuring Mark Willis
- May 6, 2024 - Road Dog Trucking ([channel 146](#)) featuring Mark Willis
- August 1, 2024 - Road Dog Trucking ([channel 146](#)) featuring Mark Willis

Additional Radio and TV appearances, news articles, and statements:

- January 23, 2020. [FMC's newest commissioner dives into role](#)
- October 7, 2020. [Commissioner Bentzel Tours South Atlantic Ports](#)
- December 06, 2021. [FMC Commissioner Bentzel's grade on US logistics system: D-plus](#)
- January 28, 2021. Rural Radio Interview [David Nelson Interview \(Live\)](#)

- Feb 9, 2021. [Commissioner Bentzel Interview with Brian Sullivan \(NBC\) Empty Containers](#)
- March 9, 2021. [Demurrage, Detention & Managing Port Operations : A Conversation with FMC's Commissioner Carl Bentzel](#)
- May 11, 2021. Rural Radio on CA Port- export issues (live)
- June 15, 2021. [Chairman Maffei and Commissioner Bentzel Tour the Port of New York and New Jersey, Meet with Stakeholders on Cargo Operations and FMC Enforcement Priorities](#)
- September 16, 2021. [Commissioner Bentzel hosts two roundtables in California, meets with Supply Chain Stakeholders and Federal and State Officials](#)
- November 12, 2021. [Letter of Commissioners Carl Bentzel and Louis Sola to Secretary Janet Yellen](#)
- [The Beacon Winter 2021 Online- OP/ED The Health of Our Maritime Industry Will Lead Our Economy Back](#)
- November 18, 2021. [Why Utah is positioned to move goods throughout the West and beyond Federal maritime commissioner docks in Utah to talk supply chain issues](#)
- November 29, 2021. [NTD Business Commissioner on New Plan to Improve Supply Chain Data Sharing](#)
- December 8, 2021. [Commissioner Bentzel Hosts Inaugural Meeting of FMC Data Initiative](#)
- March 30, 2022. [Statement by Commissioner Bentzel On the release of the Assessment of the People's Republic of China's Control of Container and Intermodal Chassis Manufacturing](#)
- April 1, 2022. [China's chassis, container role 'entrenched' by government: FMC's Bentzel](#)
- April 5, 2022. [Commissioner Bentzel Interview with John Gallagher \(FreightWaves\) on Data Initiative](#)
- April 25, 2022. [What the Truck \(12:02-12:10\) \(Radio Interview\)](#)
- May 20, 2022. [Statement of Commissioner Bentzel Summarizing; Remarks Delivered to the International Association of Ports and Harbors on the Maritime Transportation Data Initiative and the need for Continuing Engagement on National & Global Data Standards](#)
- Aug 9, 2022. by [The Maritime Executive Bentzel: Buildup of Empties at East Coast Ports Near "Emergency Level"](#)
- September 29, 2022. [Statement by Commissioner Bentzel On Surface Transportation Board Testimony On Kansas City Southern and Canadian Pacific Merger](#)

- October 18, 2022. [FMC Commissioner Carl Bentzel Proposes Rule Emphasizing Transparency](#)
- December 1, 2022. [Statement of Commissioner Carl Bentzel on Coalition for Reimagined Mobility Report: Solving the Global Supply Chain Crisis with Data Sharing](#)
- December 7, 2022. [Statement by Commissioners Bentzel and Sola Following Meetings with Gulf Coast Region](#)
- December 8, 2022. [Statement by Commissioners Bentzel and Vekich on Amending Statutes Governing Review of VOCC and MTO Agreements](#)
- March 31, 2023. [Statement of Commissioner Carl W. Bentzel On Meeting with the Digital Container Shipping Association \(DCSA\) Board of Directors Regarding a Data Standards Framework for International Container Shipping](#)
- April 3, 2023. [Commissioner Bentzel to release final recommendations relating to MTDI soon](#)
- April 12, 2023. [Statement of Commissioner Carl Bentzel Concerning the Uyghur Forced Labor Protection Act and Potential Supply Chain Disruptions](#)
- May 2, 2023. [FMC Commissioner Calls for Transparency in Shipping Industry](#)
- August 23, 2023. [Statement of Commissioner Carl W. Bentzel on the Release of the Maritime Transportation Data Initiative \(MTDD Request for Information \(RFI\)\)](#)
- February 7, 2024. [Opening Statement of Commissioner Carl Bentzel at Informal Hearing of the Federal Maritime Commission Examining Impacts to Shipping Resulting from Current Conditions in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Regions](#)
- February 20, 2024. [Statement of Commissioner Carl W. Bentzel on his IAMPE "Port Perspectives" Podcast Interview](#)
- February 23, 2024. [Statement of Commissioner Carl W. Bentzel on the Demurrage and Detention Billing Requirements Final Rule](#)
- March 1, 2024 - [Can anyone crack China's monopoly on shipping containers?](#)
- March 18, 2024 - [What the Truck?](#)
- March 19, 2024 - AAPA Commissioner's Seminar (No prepared remarks)
- April 2, 2024 [Statement By Commissioner Carl W. Bentzel on the Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association's Inaugural Supply Chain & Logistic Summit](#)



- April 16, 2024 [Statement by Commissioner Carl W. Bentzel On The Release of the Second Request for Information for the Maritime Transportation Data Initiative](#)
- April 22, 2024 [Commissioner Carl Bentzel's call to action to supply chain stakeholders - 2nd RFI](#)
- April 23, 2024 - [Statement of Commissioner Carl W. Bentzel on Letter to President Biden on Suggested Relief for Impacted Workers and Companies Due to the Francis Scott Key Bridge Collapse](#)
- June 4, 2024 [By Land and By Sea podcast](#)
- June 11, 2024 [Statement of Commissioner Carl W. Bentzel on the Northwest Seaport Alliance Peak Planning Session participation and Expeditors Keynote speech](#)
- July 26, 2024 - [Statement of Commissioner Carl W. Bentzel on The Refusal to Deal Final Rule](#)

20. List all digital platforms (including social media and other digital content sites) on which you currently or have formerly operated an account, regardless of whether or not the account was held in your name or an alias. Include the full name of an "alias" or "handle", including the complete URL and username with hyperlinks, you have used on each of the named platforms. Indicate whether the account is active, deleted, or dormant. Include a link to each account if possible.

**LinkedIn:**

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/carl-bentzel-2732a11/>

**Face book:**

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Carl-Bentzel/100015626198312>

**Twitter:**

<https://twitter.com/cbentstrat1>

**All accounts are mostly dormant except LinkedIn, and none had an alias.**

21. Please identify each instance in which you have testified orally or in writing before Congress in a governmental or non-governmental capacity and specify the date and subject matter of each testimony.

Presidential Advisory Commission on Conferences in Ocean Shipping: 4/1992. I participated as a Congressional Staff Advisor to a Commission advising the President as to potential regulatory changes to our system of regulating international ocean shipping.

[https://www.archives.gov/files/recordsmgmt/rcs/schedules/independent-agencies/rg-0220/nl-220-92-011\\_sfl\\_15.pdf](https://www.archives.gov/files/recordsmgmt/rcs/schedules/independent-agencies/rg-0220/nl-220-92-011_sfl_15.pdf)

Interagency Commission on Crime and Security in U.S. Seaports: Fall 2000. I participated as a Congressional Staff Advisor to a Commission advising the President as to issues related to port security.

<https://www.hsdl.org/?abstract&did=437742>

The Coast Guard held a public meeting on 11/9/2012 to receive comments on the development of a Facility Security Officer training program, pursuant to the requirements of Section 821 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-281). I testified on behalf of the National Association of Waterfront Employers about the issues raised in this Federal Register Notice.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2012/10/11/2012-25055/facility-security-officer-training-requirements>). I did not provide written testimony.

United States Department of Energy, Quadrennial Energy Review, Public Stakeholder Meeting. I testified on a panel on Barge -Waterborne Transportation of Energy in the Inland Waterway, Across the Great Lakes, and Along Our Nation's Coasts (8/8/2014).

[https://www.ene.gov/sites/prod/files/2014/08/f18/transcript\\_chicago\\_ge\\_r.pdf](https://www.ene.gov/sites/prod/files/2014/08/f18/transcript_chicago_ge_r.pdf)

United States Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. I testified and provided written testimony for my nomination as Federal Maritime Commissioner.

<https://www.commerce.senate.gov/2019/7/nominations-hearing>  
[Nomination Hearing July 24, 2019 \(1:15.03\)](#)

Hawaii Public Utilities Commission. In an individual capacity, I wrote a letter of testimony in Hawaii P.U.C. Docket No. 2020-0084, Emergency Investigative Proceeding Regarding Young Brothers L.L.C. Financial Condition, Order No. 374. [PUC Case: 2020-0084 \(site.com\)](#)

United States Surface Transportation Board. I testified and provided testimony, on behalf of myself, in opposition to the Canadian Pacific - Kansas City Southern railroad merger. Docket No. FD\_36500  
<https://www.stb.gov/proceedings-actions/dockets-and-service-lists/>

22. Given the current mission, major programs, and major operational objectives of the department/agency to which you have been nominated, what in your background or employment experience do you believe affirmatively qualifies you for appointment to the position for which you have been nominated, and why do you wish to serve in that position?

During the course of my close to fifteen years of service as a staffer in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, I was the primary Democrat staffer assigned responsibility of overseeing the operations of the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC). I handled all oversight of their budget and operations functions, and considered issues related to any legislation. While a House staffer, I participated as a congressional advisor to a Presidentially appointed commission reviewing the functions of the FMC. While in the Senate, in 1996, I was the primary Democrat staffer involved in amending the organic legislative structure governing international ocean shipping. I believe that I have a deep and thorough knowledge in this area of policy, and I enjoy the continuing ability to learn in my role as Commissioner.

The criticality of the maritime shipping network has become ever more salient to me during my time as a Federal Maritime Commissioner (FMC). After being appointed and confirmed in 2019 right before the pandemic took hold of the country, I systematically witnessed the impact our supply chain, ports, terminals and labor play on a daily basis. Starting with the toll COVID-19 took on the maritime workforce. I worked directly with the White House, MARAD and the Department of Health & Human Services to raise awareness and funding for access for testing early on in the pandemic and later for vaccinations for maritime workers. Coinciding with this effort, I worked with the Administration on the tremendous surges of cargo volumes through our ports.

Throughout the pandemic I identified choke point challenges impacting our supply chain, starting with the realization of our nation's reliance on the Chinese government control of manufacture of all international marine containers. I documented this policy failing in a report I issued in

2022. I then identified the need for harmonization of maritime operational information and data, after review of most all major seaport operations as a major impediment and cost to the economy, and in large part contributing to the costs of inflation. This initiative, started in 2022, was supported by the convening of eighteen public meetings on what has become the Maritime Transportation Data Initiative. This was followed up by a Final Report released last Spring, work continues on this important initiative. I am pleased throughout my tenure as a Commissioner to have worked openly and transparently with all members of Congress, the Administration and the shipping public.

23. What do you believe are your responsibilities, if confirmed, to ensure that the department/agency has proper management and accounting controls, and what experience do you have in managing a large organization?

If confirmed, as one of five commissioners serving the Federal Maritime Commission, I would have limited authority to manage the budget of the agency, as that is reserved for the Chairman of the Commission. However, I would have authority to manage the budget of the office of a commissioner, and I would pledge to manage the budget functions required of the Office of Commissioner in a fiscally prudent manner.

The Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission is required to consult with all Commissioners on major operational issues, and, if re-nominated, will continue to exercise a role in consultation. In addition, I meet at least annually to discuss proper management and fiscal controls with the FMC's Office of Inspector General.

24. What do you believe to be the top three challenges facing the department/agency, and why?

I think the three major challenges facing the FMC are: 1) increasing industry consolidation of international maritime shipping companies and what that means to the U.S. port and maritime service providers and U.S. shippers, 2) the challenges of helping to establish the proper regulatory environment to foster the challenge of transferring maritime shipments off to their modal railroad and trucking partners, importantly including harmonization of standards for maritime/intermodal shipping data and, 3) responding to the unique challenges posed to global commerce by political and force majeure issues impacting international shipping, such as

merchant shipping attacks in the Red Sea, restrictions on Panama Canal usage, and efforts expended by the People's Republic of China to exert control over maritime trade.

## **B. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

1. Describe all financial arrangements, deferred compensation agreements, and other continuing dealings with business associates, clients, or customers. Please include information related to retirement accounts, such as a 401(k) or pension plan.

**Not Applicable.**

2. Do you have any commitments or agreements, formal or informal, to maintain employment, affiliation, or practice with any business, association, or other organization during your appointment? If so, please explain.

**Not Applicable.**

3. Indicate any investments, obligations, liabilities, or other relationships which could involve potential conflicts of interest in the position to which you have been nominated. Explain how you will resolve each potential conflict of interest.

**In connection with the nomination process, I have consulted with the Office of Government Ethics and the agency's designated agency ethics official (DAEO) to identify potential conflicts of interest. Any potential conflicts of interest will be resolved in accordance with the terms of an ethics agreement that I have entered into with the DAEO and that has been provided to this Committee. I am not aware of any other potential conflicts of interest.**

**All of the investments owned by myself, or my wife are in publicly available mutual funds.**

4. Describe any business relationship, dealing, or financial transaction which you have had during the last ten years, whether for yourself, on behalf of a client, or acting as an agent, that could in any way constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position to which you have been nominated. Explain how you will resolve each potential conflict of interest.

**Not Applicable.**

5. Identify any other potential conflicts of interest and explain how you will resolve each potential conflict of interest.

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6. Describe any activity during the past ten years, including the names of clients represented, in which you have been engaged for the purpose of directly or indirectly influencing the passage, defeat, or modification of any legislation or affecting the administration and execution of law or public policy.

**Prior to assumption of my current five-year service period as Federal Maritime Commissioner, I was involved in the business of representing clients and their interests in the execution of regulations and policies and legislation. During this five-year time frame, I was less involved in lobbying Congress directly on legislation, and more involved in issues at federal agencies.**

**Prior to the ten-year time frame and since transitioning from service as Senior Counsel on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation in 2004, I had been involved in consulting and lobbying for companies and Associations that were engaged in transportation, infrastructure development, energy or chemical regulation. I had also been involved on a more limited basis in lobbying and consulting on immigration and environmental policy.**

## C. LEGAL MATTERS

1. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics, professional misconduct, or retaliation by, or been the subject of a complaint to, any court, administrative agency, the Office of Special Counsel, an Inspector General, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If yes:

- a. Provide the name of court, agency, association, committee, or group;
- b. Provide the date the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action was issued or initiated;
- c. Describe the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action;
- d. Provide the results of the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action.

**Not Applicable.**

2. Have you ever been investigated, arrested, charged, or held by any Federal, State, or other law enforcement authority of any Federal, State, county, or municipal entity, other than for a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain.

**Yes, in 1990, after attending a college football game in Greenville, North Carolina, Pitt County. I was arrested and convicted of a DUI. I complied with the terms of my sentence, and since then, other than minor traffic violations have had no further legal issues.**

3. Have you or any business or nonprofit of which you are or were an officer ever been involved as a party in an administrative agency proceeding, criminal proceeding, or civil litigation? If so, please explain.

**No.**

4. Have you ever been convicted (including pleas of guilty or *nolo contendere*) of any criminal violation other than a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain.

**Yes. See Question #2 above.**

5. Have you ever been accused, formally or informally, of sexual harassment or discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, or any other basis? If so, please explain.



**No.**

6. Please advise the Committee of any additional information, favorable or unfavorable, which you feel should be disclosed in connection with your nomination.

**No further relevant information.**

#### **D. RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMITTEE**

- I. Will you ensure that your department/agency complies with deadlines for information set by congressional committees, and that your department/agency endeavors to timely comply with requests for information from individual Members of Congress, including requests from members in the minority?

**Yes.**

2. Will you ensure that your department/agency does whatever it can to protect congressional witnesses and whistleblowers from reprisal for their testimony and disclosures?

**Yes.**

3. Will you cooperate in providing the Committee with requested witnesses, including technical experts and career employees, with firsthand knowledge of matters of interest to the Committee?

**Yes.**

4. Are you willing to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Congress on such occasions as you may be reasonably requested to do so?

**Yes.**

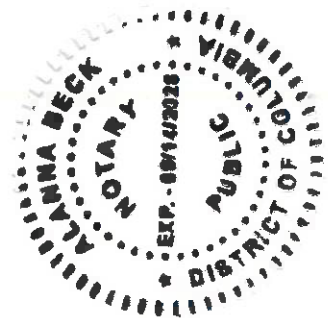
**F. AFFIDAVIT**

Carl W. Bentzel being duly sworn, hereby states that he/she has read and signed the foregoing Statement on Biographical and Financial Information and that the information provided therein is, to the best of his/her knowledge, current, accurate, and complete.

Carl W. Bentzel  
Signature of Nominee

Subscribed and sworn before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Sept, 2024

Alanna Beck  
Notary Public  
Alanna Beck, Notary Public  
COMMISSION Expires: 9/14/28



**Carl W. Bentzel**  
**Federal Maritime Commissioner**



**FMC Commissioner**

Commissioner

December 2019 to Present

Confirmed by the Senate and sworn in on December 9. After the onset of the Pandemic, immediately went to work assessing the health of the maritime industry and supply chain. Worked to establish maritime labor as essential workers, streamlining prioritization for testing and vaccinations for workforce. Identified the fluidity of containers as chassis as key to a balanced supply chain and identifying in a nationally recognized report that close to 100% of maritime containers are manufactured in the PRC. Identified information and data sharing as a key component for freight fluidity. Convened 18 public meetings with over 80 supply chain experts and issued a report on data availability and transmission of information. The result was a Final Recommendations and Views Report, released in April 2023 is currently pending further Commission action. Adjudicated maritime regulatory issues under the purview of the Federal Maritime Commission.

**Principal**

Bentzel Strategies L.L.C.

August 2016 – November 2019

Established my own public policy consulting firm focused on policies related to transportation, energy and other areas of federally regulated commercial and environmental law. Assess policy issues, provide strategic advice, represent client interests on Capitol Hill and before federal agencies, as well as helping clients develop third party alliances. Areas of focus included introducing myself to potential press opportunities in strategic areas of interest.

**Partner**

SB Capitol Solutions L.L.C.

June 2014 -August 2016

Partnered with a smaller boutique public relations/lobbying shop centrally located on Capitol Hill, primarily focused on transportation issues. Helped to develop an active fundraising profile for the firm, and re-brand the company.

### **Vice President**

DCI Group L.L.C.

August 2004 - June 2014

Led the lobbying division for the DCI Group. DCI Group is one of the largest public relations/grassroots lobbying firms in Washington D.C., and I provided political and legislative insight to the firm's larger public relations efforts, as well as directly lobbying for DCI's clients, and those clients developed on my own. Participated in the creation and development of third-party coalitions. Worked to provide government relations services for Fortune 50 companies, associations and other entities. Focused on realizing the benefits of grassroots activism and third-party coalition building supporting policy initiatives on Capitol Hill or at federal agencies.

### **Senior Counsel**

Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation January 1995- August 2004

Functioned as the primary legislative and policy counsel for the Senate Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine. Explicitly assigned to provide legislative counsel and advice to Senators John Breaux and Daniel Inouye. Was engaged, in the negotiation and passage of all legislation on trucking, railroad, maritime, pipeline and hazardous materials transportation legislation, as well as homeland security aspects of these modes of transportation. Spearheaded the Committee's efforts to pass national standards for port security, and an international treaty on port security, and worked on organic homeland security legislation. Handled Committee issues requiring national security clearance.

### **Counsel/Counsel for Maritime Policy**

House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries August 1990- December 1994

Hired to work as maritime counsel to work on implementation of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and to cover all issues related to international maritime shipping. After an internal Committee transition, was employed in an expanded role to cover all issues related to maritime policy, including shipping and offshore oil and gas or other resource development.

### **Education**

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), St. Lawrence University, 1985

Juris Doctor (J.D.), University of Alabama School of Law, 1989

Master's degree in law (L.L.M.) in Admiralty Law, 1990

### **Honors**

Coast Guard's Medal for Meritorious Public Service

Maritime Security Council's Man of the Year Award

### **Publications**

McGraw-Hill's Handbook on Homeland Security, port security chapter

"Assessment of P.R.C Control of Container and Intermodal Chassis Manufacturing." March 2022

"Final Recommendations on the Maritime Transportation Data System Requirements" April 2023