Deborah Hersman

Since 2019, Ms Hersman has served as a director of NiSource, an electric and gas utility serving 3.5 million consumers across six states. During the last two years she was Chief Safety Officer/Senior Advisor to Waymo, Google's self-driving car project, a leading company in the mobility sector.

Ms. Hersman was the Chief Executive Officer of the National Safety Council from 2014-2019. The NSC is America's foremost nonprofit safety advocate focused on eliminating the leading causes of preventable death in workplaces, on the road and in communities.



She served as a Board Member of the National Transportation Safety Board from 2004-2014 and as NTSB Chairman from 2009-2014. The NTSB is internationally recognized for investigations across all modes of transportation. She was nominated by both President Bush and President Obama and unanimously confirmed by the Senate four times.

She also served as a senior staffer focused on transportation issues in the US House and US Senate from 1992-2004 contributing to milestone legislation such as Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century, the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act, the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act and the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act which created a new modal administration at the US Department of Transportation.

Ms. Hersman earned a BA in political science and a BA in international studies from Virginia Tech and an MS in conflict analysis and resolution from George Mason University.