

Donald Palmer was nominated by President Donald J. Trump and confirmed by unanimous consent of the United States Senate on January 2, 2019 to serve on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

Commissioner Palmer is a former Bipartisan Policy Center fellow where he focused on the recommendations of the Presidential Commission on Election Administration to improve the voter experience and reform the voter registration process. He has also served as a senior adviser to the Election Assistance Commission.

Palmer is a former Secretary of the Virginia State Board of Elections and served as the commonwealth's chief election official from 2011-2014. He also served as the Florida Department of State's director of elections. During that tenure, he served on Election Assistance Commission advisory boards, including the Standards Board and the Technical Guidelines Development Committee, representing the National Association of State Election Directors.

Prior to his work in election administration, he served as a trial attorney with the Voting Section in the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, where he enforced the nation's voting laws. Earlier in his career, he served as a U.S. Navy intelligence officer and judge advocate general, deploying overseas to Italy and onboard the USS John F. Kennedy. He retired from the Navy Reserves in 2012. He earned his J.D. from Stetson University College of Law.