

BRIEFING CHECKLIST (BCL)
The Ambassador’s Meeting with Sally Painter

Date: Friday, February 22

Language: English

Time: 11:00

Notetaker: N/A ((b)(6) – readout)

Location: Your office

Interpreter: N/A

CONTEXT

Sally Painter requested this meeting to ask for your perspective on her effort through the International Center for the Black Sea-Baltic Sea Studies and Consensus Practices (ICBSS) to create a “Black Sea Project” for Ukraine, Moldova, and Georgia (Note: Painter shared no details with you, and we found no public mentions of it). The project would advance those countries’ NATO/EU aspirations without official membership, similar to previous “charters” that grouped other countries’ lobbying efforts.

She also plans to discuss BlueStar efforts such as a conference on green energy investment in developing countries such as Ukraine, and a disinformation event to be held in Kharkiv. Additionally, she has raised concerns regarding U.S. visa regulations. Separately, Painter also plans to meet with FCS Senior Officer Martin Claessens regarding the Burisma Group energy company and the SelectUSA program.

KEY OBJECTIVES

1. NATO and “Black Sea Project” Proposal:

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2. Babyn Yar and Pavel Fuchs:

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3. Consular Issues -- Refused Entry:

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PARTICIPANTS

United States
Ambassador Yovanovitch

BlueStar Strategies, LLC
Sally Painter

Attachments: Biographical information

Sally PAINTER



Secondary Education - Villa Maria Academy
University of Maryland, College Park – B.A. International Relations and Economics

Clinton Administration advisor for the Department of Commerce from 1993-1995,
focused on facilitating U.S. companies' procurement of overseas contracts.

1993 – 1995	Deputy Director, Office of Business Liaison
1995 – 1999	International Director, Tenneco
2010 – Present	Co-Founder & Chief Operating Officer, BlueStar Strategies, LLC

Ms. Painter sits on the board of directors of the Atlantic Council.

Married with a son.