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Roger W. Ferguson, Jr., is the former president and CEO of TIAA, the leading provider of retirement services in the academic, research, medical, and cultural fields and a Fortune 100 financial services organization, since 2008.

Ferguson is also the vice chairman of the Board of Governors of the US Federal Reserve System. He represented the Federal Reserve on several international policy groups and served on key Federal Reserve System committees. Prior to joining TIAA in April 2008, Ferguson was head of financial services for Swiss Re, chairman of Swiss Re America Holding Corporation, and a member of the company’s executive committee. From 1984 to 1997, he was an associate and partner at McKinsey & Company. He began his career as an attorney with Davis Polk & Wardwell.

Ferguson is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and co-chairs its Commission on the Future of Undergraduate Education. He serves on the boards of the Smithsonian Institution, the American Council of Life Insurers, Alphabet, General Mills, and International Flavors & Fragrances.

From 2015 to 2020, Ferguson served as chairman of the board of trustees of The Conference Board, and continues to serve as trustee. He previously chaired the Business-Higher Education Forum and served on its executive committee; American Council of Life Insurers; and on President Obama’s Council on Jobs and Competitiveness as well as its predecessor, the Economic Recovery Advisory Board. He also co-chaired the National Academy of Sciences’ Committee on the Long-Run Macro- Economic Effects of the Aging US Population.

Ferguson holds a B.A., J.D., and a Ph.D. in economics, all from Harvard University.