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**USDA Appoints 2023 Paper and Packaging Board Members**  
*Officers and Full Board of Directors Announced*



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BOARD**

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**MCLEAN, Va.** (January 10, 2023) – The Paper and Packaging Board (P+PB) announces three new board members appointed by USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack, whose terms begin immediately. Appointed to three-year terms are Santiago Arbelaez, **International Paper** and Alpa Sutaria, **WestRock**. Appointed for a one-year term is Jonathan Kraft, **The Kraft Group**.

An eight-member Board of Directors representing the four grades of paper funding the Paper & Packaging – How Life Unfolds® campaign oversees the paper and packaging sectors’ national promotion program focused on sustainability and recycling.

[Officers and board members](#) for 2023 are:

- *Chair:* Jonathan Kraft, President, **The Kraft Group**
- *Vice Chair:* Rob Melton, Senior Vice President, Commercial, Pulp and Paper, **Domtar**
- *Secretary/Treasurer:* James Harrell, Division Vice President, Industrial Products/Paper Divisions-Europe, **Sonoco**
- *At-Large Member:* Beth-Cormier, Vice President of Research, Development and Sustainability, **Sappi**
- Santiago Arbelaez, Vice President Strategy, North America, **International Paper**
- Richard Bennett, Vice President of Paperboard Sales & Marketing, **Pactiv Evergreen**
- Scott Light, Executive Vice President, Packaging & Cellulose, **Georgia-Pacific LLC**
- Alpa Sutaria, Senior Vice President, Strategy and Sustainability, **WestRock**

**About Paper and Packaging Board**

The Paper and Packaging Board promotes the use of paper products and paper-based packaging by highlighting how their sustainable nature, the industry’s practices and recycling help contribute to a healthier planet. Forty-seven U.S. manufacturers and importers collectively fund the national marketing campaign, [www.howlifeunfolds.com](http://www.howlifeunfolds.com).

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