

# [***Labor Secretary Marty Walsh Plans To Leave Biden Administration For NHL Union Job***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:67H3-T7P1-DXVP-518C-00000-00&context=1516831)

Forbes.com

February 7, 2023 Tuesday

Copyright 2023 Forbes LLC All Rights Reserved

**Length:** 460 words

**Byline:** Ana Faguy, Forbes Staff

**Highlight:** Walsh is expected to be the first Cabinet official to depart the Biden Administration.

**Body**

**Topline**

Marty Walsh will leave his post as labor secretary for a job running the National Hockey League Players Association, sources toldmultiple news outletsTuesday, marking the first cabinet official to depart the Biden Administration.

<figure>

<figcaption>

Labor Secretary Marty Walsh speaks during a briefing at the White House in Washington, May 16, 2022.

AP/Susan Walsh

</figcaption></figure>

**Key Facts**

Hockey-focused site the Daily Faceoff first reported on Walsh s decision, after Politico reported last week the labor secretary was under consideration to helm the NHLPA, which is a labor union and collective bargaining unit for NHL players.

Walsh, who will still require a formal NHLPA executive board vote in the coming days, is expected to earn approximately $3 million a year and work remotely from Boston rather than the NHLPA s headquarters in Toronto, Canada, according to theDaily Faceoff.

The formal announcement of Walsh s departure is expected to come after Tuesday s State of the Union address,according to CNN.

Walsh wasreportedly under considerationto replace Ron Klain as Chief of Staff after Klain announced his plan to leave the White House, but ultimately the job went to former Covid-19 response coordinator Jeff Zients, who wasselected for the rolelast month.

**Key Background**

Walsh s apparent departure from the Biden Administration is not the first in recent weeks. In mid-January, Klain announced his departure from the White House, as did National Economic Council Director Brian Deese. Those announcements came after 21 of 66 A-Team officials White House staff members who are decision makers left the White House in Biden s second year in office, according tonumbers collectedby the Brookings Institute. While his first year in office saw relatively low turnover, Biden s second year in office saw the second highest turnover rate of A-Team officials since Ronald Reagan s presidency.

**Tangent**

Before joining the Biden Administration, Walsh was the mayor of Boston for more than seven years. Before that, Walsh spent years of his career in organized labor, joining Laborer's Local 223, a construction union in Boston, that he eventually ran. He wassaid to bethe first person with a union background to lead the Department of Labor since 1975.

**Surprising Fact**

Walsh is not the first Massachusetts politician to leave ***politics*** for sports. At the end of last year the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) announced Charlie Baker, former Governor of Massachusetts, would serve as the organization s president beginning in March.

**Further Reading**

Biden s Chief Of Staff Klain Reportedly Plans To Step Down(Forbes)

Labor Secretary Marty Walsh Offers Help To End MLB Lockout(Forbes)

Here s How Much Labor Secretary Marty Walsh Is Worth(Forbes)

**Load-Date:** February 9, 2023

**End of Document**