



Martin J. Walsh

Executive Director

National Hockey League Players' Association

Boston, Massachusetts

Martin J. Walsh began his career as a union construction worker, following in his father's footsteps. He went on to become president of Laborers Local 223 and head of the Greater Boston Building Trades Council, representing approximately 35,000 workers.

In 1997, at age 29, Walsh was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives, where he spent 16 years advocating for workers' rights, good jobs, civil rights, and recovery from substance use. In 2013, he was elected Mayor of Boston, serving seven years and leading the city through a period of economic growth, expanded education and library investments, reduced crime, and innovative recovery and workforce initiatives.

In 2021, President Joe Biden nominated Walsh as the nation's 29th Secretary of Labor. During his tenure, he advanced job training, mental health and treatment access, worker organizing, and job quality.

In 2023, Walsh became Executive Director of the National Hockey League Players' Association, returning to his labor roots. A Boston College graduate, Walsh remains committed to workers' rights, recovery, opportunity, and the power of unions.

Walsh is a graduate of Boston College and shares his life with his wife, Lorrie Higgins.