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To New York Community Banks

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### Clarida stepping down from Fed board

Federal Reserve Vice Chairman Richard H. Clarida said he plans to resign, effective Jan 14. "Rich's contributions to our monetary policy deliberations, and his leadership of the Fed's first-ever public review of our monetary policy framework, will leave a lasting impact in the field of central banking," Fed Chair Jerome H. Powell [said in a statement](#).

**Background:** Clarida has been a member of the Board and Vice Chair since Sept. 17, 2018. During his service Clarida served as chair of the Board's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. He also served as chair of the Federal Open Market Committee's communication subcommittee.

**Details:** The resignation comes two weeks before Clarida's term was set to expire. Clarida has faced criticism for failing to fully disclose financial trades he made in February 2020 in the run-up to the pandemic.

### Key nomination hearings this week

The Senate Banking Committee will meet this week to discuss several key agency nominations:

- Today, Jan. 11: Fed Chairman Jerome Powell's renomination.
- Thursday, Jan. 13: Fed Governor Lael Brainard for Fed vice chair and Federal Housing Finance Agency Acting Director Sandra Thompson for FHFA director.

## FROM OTHER SOURCES

- Millions of Americans are calling in sick or isolating, leaving employers scrambling and forcing low-income workers to go without pay or risk going into work, [Axios' Nathan Bomey writes](#). This is a particularly stark issue for health systems in recent weeks as many report dozens to hundreds of staffers out sick due to COVID, [the Wall Street Journal reports](#).
- The Biden administration announced that as of Saturday, private health insurers will be required to cover up to eight home COVID-19 tests per month for people on their plans. Americans will be able to either purchase home testing kits for free under their insurance or submit receipts for the tests for reimbursement. PCR tests and rapid tests ordered or administered by a health provider will remain fully covered by insurance with no limit. [https://apnews.com/article/coronavirus-pandemic-business-health-cb49a8458f33a698c3a4f3b721835270?user\\_email=&utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=MorningWire\\_Jan11&utm\\_content=A&utm\\_term=Morning%20Wire%20Subscribers](https://apnews.com/article/coronavirus-pandemic-business-health-cb49a8458f33a698c3a4f3b721835270?user_email=&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=MorningWire_Jan11&utm_content=A&utm_term=Morning%20Wire%20Subscribers)

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- Governor Hochul updated the state's progress combating COVID-19. Of the 282,961 test results reported, 19.35% were positive and the seven-day average percent positive was 21.30%. 12,022 were hospitalized (1,552 were in ICU, and 792 were intubated.) CDC reported that a total of 62,392 total deaths have been reported in New York during the pandemic. The state has administered 34,440,048 total vaccines. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-updates-new-yorkers-states-progress-combating-covid-19-135>
- [The omicron variant of COVID-19](#) has made a staffing crisis at New York City hospitals worse.

- The state has only spent a quarter of its \$18 billion in pandemic relief funds, [per the Times Union](#).
- New York business owners are saving billions of dollars in taxes by using a state-approved system for sidestepping the \$10,000 federal cap on state and local tax deductions. [https://www.wsj.com/articles/new-york-business-owners-sidestep-billions-in-federal-taxes-with-states-help-11641846435?mkt\\_tok=ODUwLVRBQS01MTEAAAGB6DxR7OujK6DAoo8jo-6seSVPGBHEhNhV7N01u0kHyHjT5RK99SZNt709rbmAAjLxu5ljM05JgVy8iaA-4iez8pB8netjxEsycC8MppQJ\\_bCS](https://www.wsj.com/articles/new-york-business-owners-sidestep-billions-in-federal-taxes-with-states-help-11641846435?mkt_tok=ODUwLVRBQS01MTEAAAGB6DxR7OujK6DAoo8jo-6seSVPGBHEhNhV7N01u0kHyHjT5RK99SZNt709rbmAAjLxu5ljM05JgVy8iaA-4iez8pB8netjxEsycC8MppQJ_bCS)

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