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Previously, LaFleur was one of the longest-serving commissioners on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), nominated by President Obama in 2010 and serving until 2019. She served as Chairman from 2014-15 and as Acting Chairman from 2013-14 and during 2017. During a decade of change in the nation's energy industry, power supply, and political leadership, she helped FERC respond to challenges and opportunities across the electric, natural gas, and oil sectors.

Prior to joining FERC, LaFleur had more than 20 years' experience as a leader in the electric and natural gas industry, including as executive vice president and acting CEO of National Grid USA. She began her career as an attorney at Ropes and Gray in Boston. She has a J.D. from Harvard Law School, and an A.B. from Princeton University.