

**SUMMARY:** The Director, Information Resources Group, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 17, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Director of the Information Resources Group publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department, (2) will

this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate, (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

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Office of Postsecondary Education

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 10,065,439.

Burden Hours: 9,094,853.

*Abstract:* Collects identifying and financial information from students applying for Federal student aid for postsecondary education. Used to calculate Excepted Family Contribution and determine eligibility for grants and loans, under Title IV of the Higher Education Act.

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### **National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of Closed Committee Meeting by Teleconference.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting by teleconference of the Search Committee of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of the meeting.

**DATES:** April 18, 1996.

**TIME:** 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (EDST).

**LOCATION:** First Floor Conference Room, 80 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20208.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Charles E. Hansen, Designated Federal Official, Office of Educational Research

and Improvement, 555 New Jersey Ave., NW., Washington, DC. 20208-7579. Telephone: (202) 219-2050.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board is authorized by Section 921 of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act of 1994. The Board works collaboratively with the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement to forge a national consensus with respect to a long-term agenda for educational research, development, and dissemination, and to provide advice and assistance to the Assistant Secretary in administering the duties of the Office.

The meeting of the Search Committee is closed to the public under the authority of Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2) and under exemption (6) of Section 552b(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. 94-409; 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6)). In discussing candidates for the position of Executive Director, the Committee will consider the credentials, personal qualifications and experience of candidates for the position of executive director, matters that would disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in open session.

A summary of the activities at the closed session and related matters which are informative to the public consistent with the policy of Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting.

The public is being given less than the required 15 days notice because of the difficulty in accommodating the schedules of all members of the Search Committee, which must complete its selection and interview process prior to the next full meeting of the Board on June 6.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the office of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, 555 New Jersey Ave., NW., Washington, D.C. 20208-7564.

Dated: April 12, 1996.

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*Assistant Secretary.*

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