

a non-self-righting watercraft into a self-righting watercraft.

(2.) An aquatic rescue vehicle formed by adding directional and speed controls to a watercraft along with an autonomous control system to guide the vehicle to specified waypoints is disclosed. The rescue vehicle includes search devices such as a radio direction finder (RDF) and an infrared sensor (or camera) to be used to narrow the search for an isolated person (IP). The rescue vehicle may be discharged from a larger watercraft or an airplane and automatically set out on its rescue mission. The vehicle may first navigate to a designated waypoint near an IP, and then use signals gathered from the RDF and infrared sensor to finally locate, assist, and retrieve the IP. The vehicle also includes a self-righting mechanism so that the vehicle can complete its mission even under the most adverse conditions.

(3.) Systems for air dropping a watercraft onto a body of water and automatically releasing the watercraft from a parachute and platform used during the air drop are disclosed. The air drop platform includes: a cradle for the watercraft; restraints for holding a watercraft onto the cradle when it is being air dropped; and a releasable air drop sling rigging system that includes connections temporarily joined to the cradle for an air drop sling. The restraints are temporarily joined to the cradle by a water-activated release mechanism. The rigging system includes an additional water-activated release mechanism. The restraints and the air drop sling both release from the cradle when the cradle is at least partially immersed in water upon landing on a body of water. The systems may be part of an automated search and rescue system.

Intellectual Property

(1.) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 17/479,108, filed on September 20, 2021, and entitled Detachable Buoyant Component for Making a Watercraft Self-Righting.

(2.) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 17/479,167, filed on September 20, 2021, and entitled Autonomous Rescue Vehicle.

(3.) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 18/167,113, filed on February 10, 2023, and entitled Automated Air Drop System and Automated Search and Rescue System.

The Department of the Air Force may grant the prospective license unless a timely objection is received that sufficiently shows the grant of the license would be inconsistent with the Bayh-Dole Act or implementing

regulations. A competing application for a patent license agreement, completed in compliance with 37 CFR 404.8 and received by the Air Force within the period for timely objections, will be treated as an objection and may be considered as an alternative to the proposed license.

Authority: 35 U.S.C. 209; 37 CFR 404.

Tommy W. Lee,

Acting Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board

Committee and Quarterly Board Meetings

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of open and closed meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the agenda, time, and instructions to access the National Assessment Governing Board's (hereafter referred to as Governing Board or Board) standing committee meetings and quarterly Board meeting. This notice provides information about the meetings to members of the public who may be interested in attending the meetings and/or providing written comments related to the work of the Governing Board. The meetings will be held either in person and/or virtually, as noted below. Members of the public must register in advance to attend the virtual meetings. A registration link will be posted on www.nagb.gov five business days prior to each meeting.

DATES: The Quarterly Board Meeting will be held on the following dates:

- August 2, 2023, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., EDT.
- August 3, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., EDT.
- August 4, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., EDT.

ADDRESSES: Westin Arlington, 801 North Glebe Rd., Arlington, VA 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Munira Mwalimu, Executive Officer/ Designated Federal Official (DFO) for the Governing Board, 800 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 825, Washington, DC 20002, telephone: (202) 357-6906, fax: (202) 357-6945, email: Munira.Mwalimu@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of the meetings is required under 5 U.S.C. chapter 10 (Federal Advisory Committees).

Statutory Authority and Function: The Governing Board is established under the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act, (20 U.S.C. 9621). Information on the Governing Board and its work can be found at www.nagb.gov.

The Governing Board formulates policy for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) administered by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The Governing Board's responsibilities include:

- (1) selecting the subject areas to be assessed;
- (2) developing appropriate student achievement levels;
- (3) developing assessment objectives and testing specifications that produce an assessment that is valid and reliable, and are based on relevant widely accepted professional standards;
- (4) developing a process for review of the assessment which includes the active participation of teachers, curriculum specialists, local school administrators, parents, and concerned members of the public;
- (5) designing the methodology of the assessment to ensure that assessment items are valid and reliable, in consultation with appropriate technical experts in measurement and assessment, content and subject matter, sampling, and other technical experts who engage in large scale surveys;
- (6) measuring student academic achievement in grades 4, 8, and 12 in the authorized academic subjects;
- (7) developing guidelines for reporting and disseminating results;
- (8) developing standards and procedures for regional and national comparisons;
- (9) taking appropriate actions needed to improve the form, content use, and reporting of results of an assessment; and
- (10) planning and executing the initial public release of NAEP reports.

Standing Committee Meetings

The Governing Board's standing committees will meet to conduct regularly scheduled work. Standing committee meeting agendas and meeting materials will be posted on the Governing Board's website, www.nagb.gov, no later than five business days prior to the meetings. For the virtual standing committee meetings, a registration link will be posted on www.nagb.gov and will be accessible five business days prior to the meetings. Registration is required to join the meetings virtually. Minutes of prior standing committee meeting are available at <https://www.nagb.gov/>

governing-board/quarterly-board-meetings.html.

Standing Committee Meetings

Friday, July 21, 2023

Reporting & Dissemination Committee (Virtual Meeting)

1 p.m.–3 p.m. (EDT) Open Session

The Reporting and Dissemination Committee will meet in open session on Friday, July 21, 2023, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., to receive a briefing on the release of the 2023 Long-Term Trend results for 13-year-olds, which occurred in June 2023, to review extant core contextual variables for the 2028 administration of NAEP, and to discuss the organization and format of the Nation's Report Card website.

Monday, July 24, 2023

Nominations Committee (Virtual Meeting)

5 p.m.–5:10 p.m. (EDT), Closed Session

5:10 p.m.–6 p.m. (EDT) Open Session

The Nominations Committee will meet in closed session on Monday, July 24, 2023, from 5 p.m. to 5:10 p.m., to receive an update on the member appointments for terms beginning October 1, 2023. These discussions pertain solely to internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As such, the discussions are protected by exemptions 2 and 6 of the Government Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c). From 5:10 p.m. to 6 p.m., the committee will meet in open session to receive a briefing on outreach plans for member vacancies for terms that begin October 1, 2024.

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

Executive Committee (In-Person Meeting)

3:30 p.m.–4:20 p.m. (EDT), Open Session

The Executive Committee will meet in open session on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:20 p.m., to discuss the nomination of the Vice Chair, to receive a briefing on the financial audit of the Governing Board, and to discuss a recommendation on the Technology and Engineering Literacy Assessment.

Friday, August 4, 2023

Assessment Development Committee (In-Person Meeting)

8:30 a.m.–10:25 a.m. (EDT), Open Session

10:25 a.m.–11 a.m. (EDT), Closed Session

The Assessment Development Committee will meet in open session on Friday, August 4, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:20 a.m., to review existing NAEP Reading and Mathematics Grade 12 contextual variables, to receive a project update on the 2028 NAEP Science Assessment Framework, and to discuss the options for the next administration of the NAEP Writing Assessment. Following a short break from 10:20 a.m. to 10:25 a.m., the Assessment Development Committee will meet in two closed sessions from 10:25 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. From 10:25 a.m. to 10:40 a.m., the committee will review the 2024 NAEP Reading flagged assessment items. These items have not been released to the public. From 10:40 a.m. to 11 a.m., the committee will continue in closed session to discuss the draft statement of work for the Social Studies Content Advisory Group. Public disclosure of this confidential information would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP assessment program if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of the Government Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c).

Committee on Standards, Design and Methodology (In-Person Meeting)

9 a.m.–11 a.m. (Open Session)

The Committee on Standards, Design and Methodology will meet in open session on Friday, August 4, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., to discuss the NAEP modernization and steps towards device agnostic and the utility of effect sizes, and to receive an update on the Achievement Level Communications plan.

Quarterly Governing Board Meeting

The plenary sessions of the Governing Board's August 2023 quarterly meeting will be held on the following dates and times:

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

Open Meeting: 4:30 p.m.–6 p.m. (In-Person Meeting)

Thursday, August 3, 2023

Open Meeting: 8:30 a.m.–9:15 a.m.; 11:45 a.m.–6 p.m. (Hybrid Meeting)

Closed Meeting: 9:15 a.m.–10 a.m.

Open Meeting: 11:45 a.m.–6 p.m. (Hybrid Meeting)

Friday, August 4, 2023

Open Meeting: 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m. (Hybrid Meeting)

On Wednesday, August 2, 2023, the plenary session of the Governing Board meeting will convene in open session from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. to discuss the implications for Artificial Intelligence (AI) for teaching, learning, and the workforce.

On Thursday, August 3, 2023, the Governing Board will convene in open session from 8:30 a.m. to 9:05 a.m. From 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., Beverly Perdue, Chair of the Governing Board, will welcome members, followed by a motion to approve the August 3–4, 2023, quarterly Governing Board meeting agenda and minutes from the May 18–19, 2023, Governing Board meeting. From 8:45 a.m. to 9:05 a.m., Lesley Muldoon, Executive Director of the Governing Board, will provide updates members on the Board's work.

Following a ten-minute break, members will meet in closed session from 9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to receive a briefing on the NAEP Budget from and NAEP Modernization plans and their impact on the NAEP Assessment schedule and contract actions. This session must be closed to maintain the integrity of the federal budgeting and acquisition processes. Public disclosure of this confidential information would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP assessment program if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of the Government Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c).

From 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Board will meet in open session to discuss its priorities for the NAEP Assessment Schedule. Following a break, the Board will meet in small groups from 1:45 p.m. to 3:35 p.m. to discuss the assessment schedule, and debrief the small group discussions from 3:35 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Board will receive and discuss recommendation on the Future of the NAEP Technology and Engineering Literacy Assessment (TEL) from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. From 4:45–5:15 p.m. members will receive updates on the work of its standing committees.

From 5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m. Governing Board members will engage in an open discussion on general topics of interest. The August 3, 2023, session of the Governing Board meeting will adjourn at 6 p.m.

On Friday, August 4, 2023, the Board will convene in open session from 11:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. From 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., the Board will discuss the proposed 2028 NAEP Science Framework, followed by a session on the opportunities and challenges for AI and Large-Scale Assessment from 12:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. The Board will take action on the NAEP Technology and Engineering Literacy (TEL) Assessment from 2:15 p.m. to 2:25 p.m., and will take action on a Linking Studies Resolution from 2:25 p.m. to 2:35 p.m. From 2:35 p.m. to 3 p.m., members whose terms have expired will provide farewell remarks. The August 4, 2023, session of the Governing Board meeting will adjourn at 3 p.m.

Instructions for Participating in the Meetings

Registration: Members of the public may attend the August 2, 2023, meeting in-person and may attend the August 3 and August 4, 2023, meetings either in person or virtually. A link to register for virtual attendance for the open sessions and instructions for how to register will be posted on the Governing Board's website at www.nagb.gov no later than five business days prior to the meeting. Registration is required to join the meeting virtually.

Public Comment: Written comments related to the work of the Governing Board and its committees may be submitted electronically or in hard copy to the attention of the Executive Officer/DFO via email at Munira.Mwalimu@ed.gov no later than 10 business days prior to the meeting. Written comments should reference the relevant agenda item.

Access to Records of the Meeting: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 1009, the public may inspect the meeting materials at www.nagb.gov, which will be posted no later than five business days prior to each meeting. The public may also inspect the meeting materials and other Governing Board records at 800 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 825, Washington, DC 20002, by emailing Munira.Mwalimu@ed.gov to schedule an appointment. The official verbatim transcripts of the open meeting sessions will be available for public inspection no later than 30 calendar days following each meeting and will be posted on the Governing Board's website. Requests for the verbatim transcriptions may be made via email to the DFO.

Reasonable Accommodations: The meeting location is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format), notify the DFO listed in this notice no later than ten working days prior to each meeting date.

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Lesley Muldoon,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB), U.S. Department of Education.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

AGENCY: U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Sunshine Act notice; notice of public meeting agenda.

SUMMARY: Public meeting: U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

DATES: Wednesday, August 2, 2023, 1:00 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: The Election Assistance Commission hearing room at 633 3rd St. NW, Washington, DC 20001. The meeting is open to the public and will be livestreamed on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpN6i0g2rIF4ITWhwvBwwZw>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristen Muthig, Telephone: (202) 897-9285, Email: kmuthig@eac.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose: In accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act (Sunshine Act), Public Law 94-409, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552b), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will hold a public meeting to discuss voter education and engagement.

Agenda: The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will host a public meeting to discuss topics such as voter education research and ideas for 2024, the EAC and poll worker recruitment, as well as innovation in voter outreach and engagement.

The agenda includes panel discussions with representatives from the EAC, election administrators, and subject matter experts. Panelists will give remarks and respond to questions from the EAC Commissioners.

The full agenda will be posted in advance on the events page of the EAC website: <https://www.eac.gov/events>.

Background: The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) charged the EAC to improve election administration and serve as a primary source of best practices and election information, such as poll worker recruitment.

Status: This meeting will be open to the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15309-000]

Nature and People First Arizona PHS, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On May 2, 2023, Nature and People First Arizona PHS, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Chuska Mountain North Pumped Storage Project to be located in Apache County, Arizona, near the San Juan River, approximately 1.6 miles north of the town of Lukachukai on Navajo Nation Lands. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application