

list of qualified applicants without identifying information to the SEFSC. The SEFSC will then evaluate the list of qualified applicants and, based on the temporal and spatial needs of the research objectives, the availability of observers, the availability of qualified applicants, and the available quota for a given year, will randomly select qualified applicants to conduct the prescribed research. Where there are multiple qualified applicants that meet the criteria, permittees will be randomly selected through a lottery system. If a public meeting is deemed necessary, NMFS will announce details of a public selection meeting in a subsequent **Federal Register** notice.

Once the selection process is complete, NMFS will notify the selected applicants and issue the shark research fishery permits. The shark research fishery permits will be valid through December 31, 2024, unless otherwise specified. If needed, NMFS will communicate with the shark research fishery permit holders to arrange a captain's meeting to discuss the research objectives and protocols. NMFS usually holds mandatory captain's meetings before observers are placed on vessels and may hold one for the 2024 shark research fishery in early 2024. Once the fishery starts, the shark research fishery permit holders must contact NMFS or the NMFS-designee to arrange the placement of a NMFS-approved observer for each shark research trip, and in the beginning, if required, to arrange the installation of the specific EM sensor. Selected applicants are required to allow observers the opportunity to perform their duties and assist observers as necessary. At the end of the shark fishery, shark research fishery permit holders must contact NMFS or a designee to arrange for the removal of the EM sensors.

A shark research fishery permit will only be valid for the vessel and owner(s) and terms and conditions listed on the permit, and, thus, cannot be transferred to another vessel or owner(s). Shark research fishery permit holders must carry a NMFS-approved observer on shark research fishery trips. Issuance of a shark research permit does not guarantee that the permit holder will be assigned a NMFS-approved observer on any particular trip. Rather, issuance indicates that a vessel may be issued a NMFS-approved observer for a particular trip, and on such trips, may be allowed to harvest Atlantic sharks, including sandbar sharks, in excess of the retention limits described in § 635.24(a). Applicable retention limits will be based on available quota,

number of vessels participating in the 2024 shark research fishery, the research objectives set forth by the shark board, the extent of other restrictions placed on the vessel, and may vary by vessel and/or location. When not operating under the auspices of the shark research fishery, the vessel would still be able to land LCS, SCS, and pelagic sharks subject to existing retention limits on trips without a NMFS-approved observer. Additionally, during those times, the vessel would not need to operate the EM sensors.

NMFS annually invites commercial shark permit holders (directed and incidental) to submit an application to participate in the shark research fishery. Permit applications can be found on the HMS Management Division's website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/atlantic-highly-migratory-species/atlantic-highly-migratory-species-exempted-fishing-permits#shark-research-fishery>, by calling 301-427-8503, or by emailing [NMFS.Research.Fishery@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Research.Fishery@noaa.gov). Final decisions on the issuance of a shark research fishery permit will depend on the submission of all required information by the deadline (see **DATES**), and NMFS' review of applicant information as outlined above. The 2024 shark research fishery will start after the opening of the shark fishery and under available quotas as published in a separate **Federal Register** final rule.

Dated: October 23, 2023.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

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#### Defense Health Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)). Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Defense Health Board (DHB) will take place.

**DATES:** Open to the public Wednesday, November 29, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST).

**ADDRESSES:** The address of the open meeting is 8111 Gatehouse Rd, Room 345, Falls Church, VA 22042. The meeting will be held both in-person and virtually. To participate in the meeting, see the Meeting Accessibility section for instructions.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** CAPT Shawn Clausen, 703-275-6060 (voice), [shawn.s.clausen.mil@health.mil](mailto:shawn.s.clausen.mil@health.mil) (email). Mailing address is 7700 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 5101, Falls Church, Virginia 22042. Website: <http://www.health.mil/dhb>. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the website.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is being held under the provisions of chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) (commonly known as the "Federal Advisory Committee Act" or "FACA"), 5 U.S.C. 552b (commonly known as the "Government in the Sunshine Act"), and 41 CFR 102-3.140 and 102-3.150.

*Availability of Materials for the Meeting:* Additional information, including the agenda, is available on the DHB website, <http://www.health.mil/dhb>. A copy of the agenda or any updates to the agenda for the November 29, 2023, meeting will be available on the DHB website. Any other materials presented in the meeting may also be obtained at the meeting.

*Purpose of the Meeting:* The DHB provides independent advice and recommendations to maximize the safety and quality of, as well as access to, health care for DoD health care beneficiaries. The purpose of the meeting is to provide progress updates on specific tasks before the DHB. In addition, the DHB will receive information briefings on current issues related to military medicine.

*Agenda:* The DHB anticipates receiving a decision briefing on Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities in the Military Health System. The DHB also expects an update from the DHB Public Health Subcommittee's tasking on Effective Public Health Communication Strategies with DoD personnel.

*Meeting Accessibility:* Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165 and subject to the availability of space, this meeting will be held in-person and virtually and is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Seating and virtual participation is limited and is on a first-come basis. All members of the public who wish to participate must register by emailing their name, rank/title, and organization/company to [dha.dhb@health.mil](mailto:dha.dhb@health.mil) or by contacting Mr. Rubens Lacerda at (703)

275–6012 no later than Wednesday, November 22, 2023. Additional details will be required from all members of the public attending in-person that do not have Gatehouse building access. Once registered, participant access information will be provided.

**Special Accommodations:** Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting should contact Mr. Rubens Lacerda at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

**Written Statements:** Any member of the public wishing to provide comments to the DHB related to its current taskings or mission may do so at any time in accordance with section 10(a)(3) of the FACA, 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, and the procedures described in this notice. Written statements may be submitted to the DHB’s Designated Federal Officer (DFO), CAPT Clausen, at [shawn.s.clausen.mil@health.mil](mailto:shawn.s.clausen.mil@health.mil). Supporting documentation may also be included, to establish the appropriate historical context and to provide any necessary background information. If the written statement is not received at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting, the DFO may choose to postpone consideration of the statement until the next open meeting. The DFO will review all timely submissions with the DHB President and ensure they are provided to members of the DHB before the meeting that is subject to this notice. After reviewing the written comments, the President and the DFO may choose to invite the submitter to orally present their issue during an open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting.

Dated: October 23, 2023.

**Natalie M. Ragland,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Historically Black Colleges and Universities Capital Financing Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Historically Black Colleges and Universities Capital Financing Advisory Board, Department of Education (Department), Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE).

**ACTION:** Notice of an open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the agenda, time, and instructions for how to access or attend the meeting of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Capital Financing Advisory

Board (Board). This notice provides information about the meeting to members of the public who may be interested in attending and instructions for how to provide written comment. Notice of this meeting is required by Section 1009(a)(2) of 5 U.S.C. chapter 10 (Federal Advisory Committees).

**DATES:** The Board will hold a hybrid meeting on November 13, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EST.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donald Watson, Executive Director/ Designated Federal Official, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Capital Financing, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202; telephone (202) 453- 6166, or email [donald.watson@ed.gov](mailto:donald.watson@ed.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Statutory Authority and Function:** The Board is established by 20 U.S.C. 1066f. The Board is also governed by 5 U.S.C. chapter 10 (Federal Advisory Committees), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees. The purpose of this Board is to advise the Secretary of Education (Secretary) and the designated bonding authority on the most effective and efficient ways to implement construction financing on the campuses of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The Board also advises Congress regarding progress made in implementing the HBCU Capital Financing Program.

**Meeting Agenda:** The meeting agenda will include roll call; an update from the Executive Director of the HBCU Capital Financing Program; a discussion regarding several recommendations from the Board to the Secretary and to Congress; the Board may vote on those recommendations, and a discussion regarding dates and locations for meetings that will be held during calendar year 2024. The public comment period will begin immediately following the discussion of meeting dates and locations.

### Instructions for Accessing and Attending the Meeting

Individuals can attend the meeting in person at 400 Maryland Ave. SW, 1st Floor, Washington, DC, Lyndon Baines Johnson Auditorium. Individuals attending virtually must register online at [https://ed-gov.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_A3GrX6U\\_QASIFA-yVWC\\_bQ](https://ed-gov.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_A3GrX6U_QASIFA-yVWC_bQ) any time before the meeting begins on November 13, 2023 or join using an H.323/SIP room system:

H.323: 161.199.138.10 (U.S. West) or 161.199.136.10 (U.S. East).

Meeting ID: 160 344 0326.

Passcode: 080503.

SIP: [1603440326@sip.zoomgov.com](mailto:1603440326@sip.zoomgov.com).

Passcode: 080503.

**Public Comment:** Members of the public interested in submitting written comments may do so via email to Donald Watson [donald.watson@ed.gov](mailto:donald.watson@ed.gov) no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on November 9, 2023. Please note that written comments should pertain to the work of the Board.

**Reasonable Accommodations:** The meeting is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service for the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format), please notify the contact person listed in this notice no later than two weeks before the meeting date. Although we will attempt to meet a request received after that date, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

**Access to Records of the Meeting:** The Department will post the official minutes of this meeting on the Resources—Historically Black College and University Capital Financing Program website, <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/hbcucapfinance/resources.html>, no later than 60 days after the meeting. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 1009(b), the public may also inspect the meeting materials and other Board records at 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202, by emailing Donald Watson at [donald.watson@ed.gov](mailto:donald.watson@ed.gov), or calling (202) 453–6166 to schedule an appointment.

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