

On page 92912 in the third column for DON CATEX (f)(33), the word “like” is corrected to “similar to” in the first sentence.

On page 92913 in the second column, NASA CATEX (d)(2)(i) is revised to read: “(d)(2)(i) Routine maintenance, minor construction or rehabilitation, minor demolition, minor modification, minor repair, and continuing or altered operations at, or of, existing NASA or NASA-funded or -approved facilities and equipment, such as buildings, roads, grounds, utilities, communication systems, and ground support systems (e.g., space tracking and data systems). This includes routine operations such as security, public health and safety, and environmental services.”

On page 92913 in the second column, NASA CATEX (d)(3)(i) is revised to read: “(d)(3)(i) Research, development, testing, and evaluation in compliance with all applicable Federal, state, Tribal, or local laws or requirements and Executive Orders. This includes the research, development, testing, and evaluation of scientific instruments proposed for use on spacecraft, aircraft (including unmanned aircraft systems), sounding rockets, balloons, laboratories, watercraft, or other outdoor activities.”

On page 92913 in the second column, NASA CATEX (d)(3)(iii) is revised to read: “(d)(3)(iii) Use of lasers for research and development, scientific instruments and measurements, and distance and ranging, where such use meets all applicable Federal, state, Tribal, or local laws or requirements and Executive orders. This includes lasers associated with spacecraft, aircraft (including unmanned aircraft systems), sounding rockets, balloons, laboratories, watercraft, or other outdoor activities.”

**Tommy W. Lee,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

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

**AGENCY:** Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, 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 Science Board (DSB) will take place.

**DATES:** Closed to the public Wednesday, January 15, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Eastern time.

**ADDRESSES:** The address of the closed meeting is the Pentagon, Room 3E188, Washington, DC 20301.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Elizabeth J. Kowalski, Designated Federal Officer (DFO): (703) 571–0081 (Voice), (703) 697–1860 (Facsimile), [elizabeth.j.kowalski.civ@mail.mil](mailto:elizabeth.j.kowalski.civ@mail.mil), (Email). Mailing address is Defense Science Board, 3140 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–3140. Website: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dsb/>. 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(c); and sections 102–3.140 and 102–3.150 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The mission of the DSB is to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense on matters relating to the DoD’s scientific and technical enterprise. The objective of the meeting is to obtain, review, and evaluate classified information related to the DSB’s mission. The DSB will meet with DoD Leadership to discuss classified current and future national security challenges and priorities within the DoD and deliberate and vote on findings and recommendations.

**Agenda:** The meeting will begin on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 8:15 a.m. Ms. Betsy Kowalski, DFO, and Dr. Eric Evans, Chair of the DSB, will provide classified opening remarks regarding ongoing studies. Next, from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. the board will deliberate and vote on the classified findings and recommendations of the DSB Task Force on 21st Century Industrial Base for National Defense. From 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Dr. Christopher Scolese, National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) Director, will provide a classified briefing on his views of current NRO strategy, challenges, and priorities. Following a 15-minute break, the DSB will hold a session from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. that includes a classified discussion to deliberate and vote on the findings and recommendations of the DSB Task Force on Balancing Security, Reliability, and Technological Advantage in Generative Artificial Intelligence for Defense. Following a break from 12:30 p.m. to

1:30 p.m., the DSB Members will hold a classified discussion to deliberate and vote on the findings and recommendations of the DSB Task Force on Emerging Biotechnologies and National Security. After the final break of the day from 3 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., General Reed, Commander U.S. Transportation Command (TRANSCOM), will provide a classified briefing from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. on his views of current TRANSCOM strategy, challenges, and priorities (VTC). The meeting will adjourn at 4:15 p.m.

**Meeting Accessibility:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 1009(d) and 41 CFR 102–3.155, the DoD has determined that the DSB meeting will be closed to the public. Specifically, the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, in consultation with the DoD Office of the General Counsel, has determined in writing that the meeting will be closed to the public because it will consider matters covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1). The determination is based on the consideration that it is expected that discussions throughout will involve classified matters of national security concern. Such classified material is so intertwined with the unclassified material that it cannot reasonably be segregated into separate discussions without defeating the effectiveness and meaning of the overall meetings. To permit the meeting to be open to the public would preclude discussion of such matters and would greatly diminish the ultimate utility of the DSB’s findings and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense and to the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

**Written Statements:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 1009(a)(3) and 41 CFR 102–3.150(6) and 102–3.140, interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the DSB at any time regarding its mission or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting. Individuals submitting a written statement should submit their statement to Ms. Elizabeth J. Kowalski, the DSB DFO, via electronic mail (the preferred mode of submission) at the email address provided above in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Each page of the comment or statement must include the author’s name, title or affiliation, address and daytime phone number. If a written statement is not received at least three calendar days prior to the scheduled meeting, which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the DSB until a later date. Please note that all submitted comments and statements will be treated as public documents and

will be made available for public inspection, including, but not limited to, being posted on the Board's website.

Dated: December 9, 2024.

**Aaron T. Siegel,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees—Department of Defense Wage Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Renewal of Federal advisory committee.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that it is renewing the DoD Wage Committee (“the DoD Wage Committee”).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Freeman, Advisory Committee Management Officer for the DoD, 703-697-1142.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The DoD Wage Committee is being renewed, pursuant to 5 United States Code (U.S.C.) 5343, as implemented by 5 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 532.209 and 532.227, and in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. chapter 10 (commonly referred to as the “Federal Advisory Committee Act” or “FACA”) and 41 CFR chapter 102-3.50(c), as a discretionary advisory committee. The charter and contact information for the DoD Wage Committee’s Designated Federal Officer (DFO) are found at <https://www.facadatabase.gov/FACA/apex/FACAPublicAgencyNavigation>.

The DoD Wage Committee’s work is directed by 5 CFR 532.209, 532.227, 532.231(e), and 532.243 and the Office of Personnel Management Operating Manual, Federal Wage System, Appropriated and Non-Appropriated Funds, S3-2 Agency Level. The DoD Wage Committee shall: (a) consider and make recommendations to the DoD on any matter involved in developing specifications for a wage survey on which the DoD proposes not to accept the recommendations of a local wage survey committee and any matters on which a minority report has been filed; (b) consider the survey data, upon completion of a wage survey, of the local wage survey committee’s report and recommendations, and the statistical analyses and proposed pay

schedules derived from them, as well as any other data or recommendations pertinent to the survey, and recommends wage schedules to the pay-fixing authority; and (c) have a majority of the DoD Wage Committee to constitute a decision and recommendation of the DoD Wage Committee, but a member of the minority may file a report with the DoD Wage Committee’s recommendations.

The DoD Wage Committee, pursuant to 5 CFR 532.227(b), shall consist of five members, with the chair and two members designated by the head of the DoD. Of the remaining two members, pursuant to 5 CFR 532.227(b)(1), one member shall be designated by each of the two labor organizations having the largest number of wage employees covered by exclusive recognition in the DoD.

The appointment of DoD Wage Committee members will be approved by the DoD Appointing Authority for a term of service of one-to-four years, with annual renewal, in accordance with DoD policy and procedures. No member, unless approved by the DoD Appointing Authority, may serve more than two consecutive terms of service on the DoD Wage Committee, or serve on more than two DoD Federal advisory committees at one time.

DoD Wage Committee members who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal civilian officers or employees, or active-duty members of the Uniformed Services, shall be appointed as experts or consultants pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3109 to serve as special government employee members, except when otherwise provided by law or regulation. DoD Wage Committee members who are full-time or permanent part-time Federal civilian officers or employees, or active-duty members of the Uniformed Services, shall be designated to serve as regular government employee members pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.130(a). As determined by the DoD Appointing Authority, the individuals designated by each of the two labor organizations having the largest number of wage employees covered by exclusive recognition in the DoD shall be appointed pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.130(a) to serve as representative members consistent with 5 CFR 532.227(b)(1). Individual members who are appointed to serve as representative members shall represent the views of their designated labor organizations.

All RGE and SGE members of the DoD Wage Committee are appointed to exercise their own best judgment on behalf of the DoD, without representing any particular point of view, and to

discuss and deliberate in a manner that is free from conflict of interest. With the exception of reimbursement of official DoD Wage Committee-related travel and per diem, DoD Wage Committee members serve without compensation.

The public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the DoD Wage Committee about the DoD Wage Committee’s mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of planned meeting of the DoD Wage Committee. All written statements shall be submitted to the DFO for the DoD Wage Committee, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration.

Dated: December 10, 2024.

**Aaron T. Siegel,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Charter Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees—Department of Defense Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Board of Actuaries

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Charter renewal of Federal advisory committee.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that it is renewing the charter for the DoD Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Board of Actuaries (MERHC BoA).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Freeman, DoD Advisory Committee Management Officer at [james.d.freeman4.civ@mail.mil](mailto:james.d.freeman4.civ@mail.mil), 703-697-1142.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The charter for the MERHC BoA is being renewed in accordance with chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) (commonly known as the “Federal Advisory Committee Act” or the “FACA”) and 41 CFR 102-3.50(a). The charter and contact information for the MERHC BoA’s Designated Federal Officer (DFO) are found at <https://www.facadatabase.gov/FACA/apex/FACAPublicAgencyNavigation>.

The MERHC BoA provides independent advice and recommendations on actuarial matters associated with the DoD Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Fund (the Fund) and other related matters.