

Agenda: To discuss the committee's nominations of articles for the 2024 IACC Summary of Advances in Autism Research report.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Cost: The meeting is free and open to the public.

Registration: A registration web link will be posted on the IACC website (www.iacc.hhs.gov) prior to the meeting. Pre-registration is recommended.

Contact Person: Ms. Rebecca Martin, Office of National Autism Coordination, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Phone: 301-435-0886, Email: IACCPublicInquiries@mail.nih.gov.

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More Information: Information about the IACC is available on the website: <http://www.iacc.hhs.gov>.

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Dated: December 20, 2024.

David W. Freeman,

Supervisory Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR Panel: Fogarty HIV Research Training Program for Low- and Middle-Income Country Institutions.

Date: January 23, 2025.

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Emily Foley, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 402-3016, emily.foley@nih.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

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Name of Committee: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel; Clinical Trials in Neurology (III).

Date: January 17, 2025.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate cooperative agreement applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Shanta Rajaram, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, NINDS/NIH/DHHS, NSC, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-435-6033, rajarams@mail.nih.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Center for Complementary & Integrative Health; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

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Name of Committee: National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health

Special Emphasis Panel; Early Phase Clinical Trials of Natural Products (NP).

Date: February 21, 2025.

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Center for Complementary and Integrative, Democracy II, 6707 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Jessica M. McKlveen, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Scientific Review, Division of Extramural Activities, NCCIH, NIH, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Suite 401, Bethesda, MD 20892—547, jessica.mcklveen@nih.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[CIS No. 2796–25; DHS Docket No. USCIS–2022–0011]

Termination of Trial Testing of Redesigned Naturalization Test for Naturalization Applications

AGENCY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On December 15, 2022, DHS published a **Federal Register** Notice entitled “*Trial Testing of Redesigned Naturalization Test for Naturalization Applications*,” which announced it intended to conduct a nationwide trial of planned changes to the naturalization test, including a standardized English-speaking test, as part of the requirement to demonstrate an understanding of the English language, and a civics test with updated content and format. Most comments received on the proposed trial test, including those from immigrant advocacy organizations and external stakeholders, expressed concerns about the trial test. Therefore, USCIS will no longer pursue the announced trial test.

DATES: As of December 30, 2024, USCIS will no longer pursue the trial test as described in 87 FR 76634 (Dec. 15, 2022).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Flores, Office of Citizenship, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), 5900 Capital Gateway Drive, Camp Springs, MD 20746; telephone 240–721–3000 or email natzredesign22@uscis.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On December 15, 2022, USCIS issued a notice indicating its plan to conduct a trial of both a standardized English-speaking test (use of photographs which the applicant would be asked to describe) as part of the requirement to demonstrate an understanding of the English language and a civics test with updated content and format (multiple choice test).¹ The Executive Order on Restoring Faith in Our Legal Immigration Systems and Strengthening Integration and Inclusion Efforts for New Americans,² directed DHS to eliminate barriers in and otherwise improve the existing naturalization process including the civics and English language tests. Along with the Executive Order and feedback from stakeholders about the standardization and structure of the naturalization test, USCIS developed the trial test for the naturalization test redesign. USCIS announced conducting the trial as part of its effort to redesign the naturalization test to better ensure that the English-speaking part of the English Language requirements is standardized and sufficiently tests the ability to understand words in ordinary usage in the English language.³ Furthermore, USCIS intended to update the civics test content to reflect current best practices in test design and to redesign the civics test.⁴

II. Rationale for Termination

USCIS hosted virtual public engagements on the naturalization test redesign trial tests on January 12, 2023, March 3, 2023, April 28, 2023, and May 31, 2023.⁵ Additionally, USCIS and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of the CIS Ombudsman

¹ See Trial Testing Redesigned Naturalization Test for Naturalization Applications, 87 FR 76634 (Dec. 15, 2022).

² See Executive Order 14012 (February 2, 2021), available at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-02-05/pdf/2021-02563.pdf>.

³ See Trial Testing Redesigned Naturalization Test for Naturalization Applications, 87 FR 76634 (Dec. 15, 2022).

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ See Naturalization Test Redesign Development 2022 available at <https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship-resource-center/naturalization-test-and-study-resources/naturalization-test-redesign-development-2022> (last visited Nov. 20, 2024).

hosted a webinar on July 19, 2023.⁶ These engagements provided an overview of the proposed changes and next steps, including seeking volunteer community-based organizations (CBOs) that work with immigrant English language learners and lawful permanent residents preparing for naturalization to take the trial test, and utilizing the results of the trial to support changes to the naturalization test. During these engagements, USCIS invited all interested parties to submit written data, views, comments, and arguments on all aspects of the proposed trial testing. At these engagements, some comments USCIS received were in opposition to the trial test. USCIS also received comments through email or submitted letters that opposed the trial test or had positive comments. USCIS received more than 1300 comments from stakeholders from engagements, emails and submitted letters. The majority of comments opposed the trial testing.

USCIS received some positive comments about the trial English Test which indicated an appreciation for a revised test, a focus of analysis-driven approach, and attempt to make the test fairer and more efficient, and that the trial test may be easier for lower-level students. Most of the public feedback, however, expressed concerns about the proposed changes to the English-speaking naturalization test. These commenters stated the change:

- Would create new barriers to naturalization rather than improve the naturalization process in keeping with Executive Order 14012 on Restoring Faith in Our Legal Immigration Systems and Strengthening Integration and Inclusion Efforts for New Americans.⁷
- Would be adding a testing requirement, creating an additional task for the naturalization interview and a new exam for the applicant to prepare for, and would not elicit an applicant’s English proficiency in as relevant or accurate a manner as the current speaking evaluation.⁸

USCIS received some positive comments on the announcement of the multiple-choice format of the trial test, including that it would level the test

⁶ See The CIS Ombudsman’s Webinar: Engagement with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) on the Naturalization Test Redesign Initiative, available at <https://www.dhs.gov/publication/cis-ombudsmans-webinar-naturalization-test-redesign-initiative> (last visited Nov. 20, 2024).

⁷ See, for example, Bill Bliss, *Citizenship Test Revision Will Create New Barrier to Naturalization* (Mar. 2, 2023), <https://bill-bliss.medium.com/citizenship-test-revision-will-create-new-barriers-to-naturalization-aab015cbf277> (last visited Nov 20, 2024).

⁸ *Id.*