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## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of this meeting is to report back to the Board of Visitors on continuing items of interest.

## Agenda

8:30 a.m. Welcome and approval of minutes.

8:40 a.m. DAU Mid-Atlantic Region Highlights and update on Certification to Qualification.

9:30 a.m. College of Contract Management.

10:30 a.m. Services Acquisition. 11:15 a.m. Recognition of Service. 11:30 a.m. Open Forum Discussion. 12 p.m. Adjourn.

Public's Accessibility to the Meeting: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. However, because of space limitations, allocation of seating will be made on a first-come, first served basis. Persons desiring to attend the meeting should call Ms. Christen Goulding at 703–805–5134. Committee's Designated Federal Officer or Point of Contact: Ms. Kelley Berta, 703-805-

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# **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

## Office of the Secretary

# Renewal of Department of Defense **Federal Advisory Committees**

AGENCY: DoD.

**ACTION:** Re-establishment of Federal

Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b), and 41 CFR 102-3.50(d), the Department of Defense gives notice that it is renewing the charter for the Board of Visitors, National Defense University (hereafter referred to as "the Board").

The Board of Visitors, National Defense University, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.50(d), is a discretionary Federal advisory committee that shall provide

the Secretary of Defense through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the President of the National Defense University, independent advice and recommendations on organizational management, curricula, methods of instruction, facilities and other matters of interest to the National Defense University.

The Board shall report to the Secretary of Defense through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the President of the National Defense University. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff may act upon the Board's advice and recommendations.

The Board shall be comprised of no more than twenty members, who are eminent authorities in the field of national defense, academia, business, national security affairs, and the defense industry. The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer, and the Department of State Director General shall serve as ex-officio members of the Board (these ex-officio members have voting rights). Board members shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense, with annual renewals.

The Board Membership shall select the Board's Chairperson and the Co-Chairperson from the total Board membership, and these individuals shall serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Defense, through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff may invite other distinguished Government officers to serve as nonvoting observers of the Board, and appoint consultants, with special expertise, to assist the Board on an ad hoc basis. If approved by the Secretary of Defense, these experts and consultants, appointed under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109, shall have no voting rights on the Board or its subcommittees, shall not count toward the Board's total membership, and shall not engage in Board deliberations.

Board members appointed by the Secretary of Defense, who are not fulltime or permanent part-time Federal employees, shall be appointed to serve as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109, and to serve as special government employees.

The Secretary of Defense may approve the appointment of Board members for one to four year terms of service; however, no member, unless authorized by the Secretary of Defense, may serve more than two consecutive terms of service. This same term of service limitation also applies to any DoD authorized subcommittees.

Regardless of the individual's approved term of service, all appointments to the Board shall be renewed on an annual basis. In addition, they shall serve without compensation, except for travel and per diem for official Board-related travel.

Each Board member is appointed to provide advice on behalf of the government on the basis of his or her best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest.

The Department, when necessary, and consistent with the Board's mission and DoD policies and procedures may, establish subcommittees, task groups, or working groups deemed necessary to support the Board. Establishment of subcommittees will be based upon a written determination, to include terms of reference, by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, or the advisory committee's sponsor.

These subcommittees shall not work independently of the chartered Board, and shall report all of their recommendations and advice to the Board for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Board; nor can any subcommittees or any of its members update or report directly to the Department of Defense or any Federal officers or employees.

Such subcommittee members shall be appointed in the same manner as the Board members; that is, the Secretary of Defense shall appoint subcommittee members even if the member in question is already a Board member. Subcommittee members, with the approval of the Secretary of Defense, may serve a term of service on the subcommittee of one to four years; however, no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms of service on the subcommittee. Subcommittee members, if not full-time or permanent part-time government employees, shall be appointed in the same manner as the Board members. Such individuals, shall be appointed to serve as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109, and serve as special government employees, whose appointments must be renewed by the Secretary of Defense on an annual basis. With the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, subcommittee members shall serve without compensation.

All subcommittees operate under the provisions of FACA, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b), governing Federal statutes and regulations, and governing DoD policies/procedures.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Freeman, Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703–692–5952.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board shall meet at the call of the Board's Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the President of the National Defense University and the Board's Chairperson. The estimated number of Board meetings is two per year.

The Board's Designated Federal Officer is required to be in attendance at all Board and subcommittee meetings for the entire duration of each and every meeting. However, in the absence of the Board's Designated Federal Officer, an Alternate Designated Federal Officer, duly appointed to the Board according to DoD policies and procedures, shall attend the entire duration of the Board or subcommittee meetings.

The Designated Federal Officer, or the Alternate Designated Federal Officer, shall call all of the Board's and subcommittee's meetings; prepare and approve all meeting agendas; and adjourn any meeting, when the Designated Federal Officer or Alternate Designated Federal Officer, determines adjournment to be in the public's interest or required by governing regulations or DoD policies/procedures; and chair meetings when directed to do so by the official to whom the Board reports.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to Board of Visitors, National Defense University's membership about the Board's mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of planned meeting of the Board of Visitors, National Defense University.

All written statements shall be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer for the Board of Visitors, National Defense University, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration. Contact information for the Board of Visitors, National Defense University Designated Federal Officer can be obtained from the GSA's FACA Database—https://www.fido.gov/facadatabase/public.asp.

The Designated Federal Officer, pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.150, will announce planned meetings of the Board of Visitors, National Defense University. The Designated Federal Officer, at that time, may provide additional guidance on the submission of written statements that are in

response to the stated agenda for the planned meeting in question.

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#### Aaron Siegel,

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

## Office of the Secretary

# Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

AGENCY: DoD.

**ACTION:** Renewal of Federal Advisory

Committee.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of 20 U.S.C. 929, the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b), and 41 CFR 102–3.50(a), the Department of Defense gives notice that it is renewing the charter for the Advisory Council on Dependents' Education (hereafter referred to as "the Council"). The Council shall provide independent advice and recommendations on the Department of Defense (DoD) dependents' education system.

The Council is a non-discretionary federal advisory committee that shall provide independent advice and recommendations to the Director, Department of Defense Education Activity on the following:

a. General policies for operation of the DoD dependents' education system with respect to curriculum selection, administration, and operation of the system;

b. Information from other federal agencies concerned with Primary and secondary education with respect to education programs and practices which such agencies have found to be effective and which should be considered for inclusion in the DoD dependents' education system;

c. The design of the study and the selection of the contractor referred to in 20 U.S.C. § 930(a)(2); and

d. Other tasks as may be required by the Secretary of Defense.

The Council shall report to the Director, Department of Defense Education Activity. Matters outside the legal purview of the Director, Department of Defense Education Activity shall be referred to Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness as appropriate. The Director, Department of Defense Education Activity may act

upon the Council's advice and recommendations.

The Council, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 929(a), shall be comprised of no more than 16 members who have demonstrated an interest in the field of primary or secondary education and the following individuals:

a. The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Education or their

respective designees;

b. Twelve appointed individuals who demonstrated an interest in the field of primary or secondary education, and who shall include representatives of professional employee organization, school administrators, parents of students enrolled in the DoD dependents' education system, and one student enrolled in such system; and

c. A representative of the Secretary of Defense and of the Secretary of Education.

The twelve Council members appointed under the authority of 20 U.S.C. 929(a)(1)(B), shall be appointed jointly by the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Education.

The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Education may approve the appointment of individuals appointed pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 929(a)(1)(B) for one to four year terms of service; however, no member appointed pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 929(a)(1)(B), unless authorized by the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Education, may serve more than two consecutive terms of service. This same term of service limitation also applies to any DoD authorized subcommittees.

Members appointed to the Council from professional employee organizations, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 929(a)(2), shall be individuals designated by those organizations and shall serve three year terms of service, not to exceed two full terms on the Council.

Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term.

Council members, who are not full-time or permanent part-time federal officers or employees, shall be appointed to serve as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109 and shall serve as special government employee members. Council members serving as special government employees shall have their appointments renewed on an annual basis.

Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 929(d), members of the Council who are not full-time or permanent part-time employees of the federal government,