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(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*)

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committee—Reserve Forces Policy Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Renewal of Federal advisory committee.

SUMMARY: The DoD (referred to herein as “the Department,” “Department of War” or “DoW”) is publishing this notice to announce that it is renewing the Reserve Forces Policy Board (RFPB) as a non-discretionary Federal advisory committee.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The RFPB is being renewed pursuant 10 United States Code (U.S.C.) 175 and 10301 and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 10 of Title 5, U.S.C. (commonly known as “the Federal Advisory Committee Act” or “FACA”) and 41 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 102–3.50(a). The charter and contact information for the RFPB’s Designated Federal Officer (DFO) are found at: <https://www.facadatabase.gov/FACA/apex/FACAPublicAgencyNavigation>.

The RFPB provides independent advice and recommendations on the reserve components on strategies, policies, and practices designed to improve and enhance the capabilities, efficiency, and effectiveness of the reserve components. The RFPB may act on those matters referred to by the Chair and on any matter raised by a member of the RFPB or the SecWar. All RFPB work, including subcommittee work, will be in response to written terms of reference or taskings approved by the SecWar or the Deputy Secretary War (“the DoW Appointing Authority”), or the Under Secretary of War for Personnel and Readiness unless otherwise provided by statute or Presidential directive.

Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 10301(c), the RFPB shall be composed of 20 members, appointed, or designated as follows:

a. A civilian appointed by the SecWar from among persons determined by the Secretary to have the knowledge of, and experience in, policy matters relevant to national security and reserve component matters necessary to carry out the duties of the RFPB, who shall serve as chair of the RFPB.

b. Two active or retired reserve officers or enlisted members designated by the SecWar upon recommendation of the Secretary of the Army:

1. One of whom shall be a member of the Army National Guard of the United States or a former member of the Army National Guard of the United States in the Retired Reserve; and

2. One of whom shall be a member or retired member of the Army Reserve.

c. Two active or retired reserve officers or enlisted members designated by the SecWar upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy:

1. One of whom shall be an active or retired officer of the Navy Reserve; and

2. One of whom shall be an active or retired officer of the Marine Corps Reserve.

d. Two active or retired reserve officers or enlisted members designated by the SecWar upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Air Force:

1. One of whom shall be a member of the Air National Guard of the United States or a former member of the Air National Guard of the United States in the Retired Reserve; and

2. One of whom shall be a member or retired member of the Air Force Reserve.

e. One active or retired reserve officer or enlisted member of the U.S. Coast Guard designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

f. Ten persons appointed or designated by the SecWar, each of whom shall be a U.S. citizen having significant knowledge of and experience in policy matters relevant to national security and reserve component matters and shall be one of the following:

1. An individual not employed in any Federal or State department or agency.

2. An individual employed by a Federal or State department or agency.

3. An officer of a regular component of the armed forces on active duty, or an officer of a reserve component of the armed forces in an active status, who:

- Is serving or has served in a senior position on the Joint Staff, the headquarters staff of a Combatant Command, or the headquarters staff of an armed force; and

- Has experience in joint professional military education, joint qualification, and joint operations matters.

g. A reserve officer of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps who is a general or flag officer recommended by the chair and designated by the SecWar, who shall serve without vote, as:

1. Military adviser to the Chair;

2. Military executive officer of the RFPB; and

3. Supervisor of the operations and staff of the RFPB.

h. A senior enlisted member of a reserve component recommended by the chair and designated by the SecWar, who shall serve without vote as enlisted military adviser to the Chair.

Authority to invite or appoint individuals to serve on the RFPB rests solely with the DoW Appointing Authority, and RFPB members will be approved for a term of one-to-four years, with annual renewals, in accordance with DoW policy and procedures. No member, unless approved by the DoW Appointing Authority, may serve more than two consecutive terms of service on the RFPB, to include its subcommittees, or serve on more than two DoW Federal advisory committees at one time.

RFPB members who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees, nor 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 (SGE) members. RFPB members who are full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees, or active-duty members of the Uniformed Services, shall be designated pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.130(a) to serve as regular government employee (RGE) members.

All members of the RFPB are appointed to exercise their own best judgment on behalf of the DoW, without representing any particular point of view, and to discuss and deliberate in a manner that is free from conflicts of interest. Except for reimbursement of official RFPB-related travel and per diem, RFPB members serve without compensation.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI or Committee), Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: Announcement of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the agenda, time, and instructions to access or participate in the September 23 & 24, 2026 meeting of NACIQI and provides information to members of the public regarding the meeting, including requesting to make written or oral comments. Committee members will meet in-person. Agency representatives have the option to meet in-person or virtually, and public attendees will participate virtually. The notice of this meeting is required under 5 U.S.C. Chapter 10 (commonly known as the Federal Advisory Committee Act) and Section 114(d)(1)(B) of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended.

DATES: The NACIQI meeting will be held on September 23 & 24, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Barnard Auditorium, Washington, DC 20202. (Only NACIQI members, accrediting agency representatives, and Department of Education staff will participate in the meeting at this address.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George Alan Smith, Executive Director/ Designated Federal Official (DFO), NACIQI, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202; telephone: (202) 453-7757; email: George.Alan.Smith@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Statutory Authority and Function: NACIQI is established under Section 114 of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1011c). NACIQI advises the Secretary of Education with respect to:

- the establishment and enforcement of the standards of accrediting agencies or associations under subpart 2, part H, title IV of the HEA, as amended;

- the recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations;
- the preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations;
- the eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under title IV of the HEA, together with recommendations for improvement in such process;
- the relationship between (1) accreditation of institutions of higher education and the certification and eligibility of such institutions, and (2) State licensing responsibilities with respect to such institutions; and
- any other advisory function relating to accreditation and institutional eligibility that the Secretary of Education may prescribe by regulation.

Meeting Agenda

The purpose of the meeting is to conduct a review of applications for renewal of recognition submitted by six accrediting agencies, as well as a compliance report submitted by one accrediting agency.

Applications for Renewal of Recognition

1. *American Bar Association, Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.* Scope of Recognition: The accreditation of programs in legal education that lead to the first professional degree in law, including those offered via distance education, as well as freestanding law schools offering such programs. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: The United States.

2. *Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools.* Scope of Recognition: The accreditation of private, postsecondary institutions offering predominantly allied health education programs leading to a certificate, diploma, and degree at the level of the Associate of Applied Science, Associate of Occupational Science, Academic Associate, Baccalaureate, and Master's, including those offered via distance education and the programmatic accreditation of medical assisting, medical laboratory technology, and surgical technology programs, through the Associate degree, including those offered via distance education. The scope extends to the Substantive Change Committee, jointly with the Commission for decisions on substantive change. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: The United States.

3. *Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine.* Scope of Recognition: The accreditation and pre-accreditation ("Candidacy") of professional non-degree and graduate

degree programs, including professional doctoral programs, in the field of acupuncture and/or herbal medicine, as well as freestanding institutions and colleges of acupuncture and/or herbal medicine that offer such programs, including programs offered via distance education. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: The United States.

4. *American Psychological Association, Commission on Accreditation.* Scope of Recognition: The accreditation of doctoral programs in clinical, counseling, school, and combined professional-scientific psychology; doctoral internship programs in health service psychology; and postdoctoral residency programs in health service psychology; as well as the pre-accreditation of doctoral internship programs in health service psychology and postdoctoral residency programs in health service psychology. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: The United States. Requested Scope of Recognition: The pre-accreditation and accreditation of master's programs and doctoral programs in clinical, counseling, school psychology (and combinations of two or more of these practice areas); doctoral internship programs in health service psychology; and postdoctoral residency programs in health service psychology, including programs that use distance education and traditional educational methods. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: The United States.

5. *Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).* Scope of Recognition: The accreditation and pre-accreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of degree-granting institutions of higher education including the accreditation of educational programs offered via distance and correspondence education, and direct assessment within these institutions. The accreditation status of these institutions and their recognition extends to the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, Executive Council, and the Appeals Committee of the College Delegate Assembly on cases of initial candidacy or initial accreditation and for continued accreditation or candidacy. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: Throughout the United States.

6. *Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, Accreditation Commission.* Scope of Recognition: The accreditation and pre-accreditation ("Candidate" status) of Christian postsecondary institutions in the United States that offer certificates, diplomas, and associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degrees, including