DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO–C–2026–0595]

Performance Review Board

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In conformance with the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) announces the appointment of persons to serve as members of its Performance Review Board (PRB).

ADDRESSES: Office of Human Resources, USPTO, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn Schad, Director, Human Capital Management, USPTO, at 571–272–7003.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The membership of the USPTO's PRB is as follows:

Anne T. Mendez, Chair, Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Acting Deputy Director of the USPTO

David Shewchuk, Vice Chair, Deputy General Counsel for General Law, USPTO

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Daniel Vavonese, Acting Commissioner for Trademarks, USPTO

Bill Guidera, Deputy Under Secretary for Innovation and Engagement Office of the Under Secretary, DOC

Alternate:

Greg Vidovich, Deputy Commissioner for Patents, USPTO

John A. Squires,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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Patent and Trademark Office

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Response to Office Action and Voluntary Amendment Forms

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereafter ''USPTO'' or ''Agency'') will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The USPTO invites comments on the information collection renewal of 0651–0050, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden to the public. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on July 17, 2026, during a 60-day comment period (91 FR 44830). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

DATES: To ensure consideration, you must submit comments regarding this information collection on or before December 10, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website, *https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.* Find this particular information collection by selecting ''Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments'' or by using the search function and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number, 0651–0050. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

- This information collection request may be viewed at *https://www.reginfo.gov/.* Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.
- *Email: InformationCollection@uspto.gov.* Include ''0651–0050 information request'' in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail:* Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.
- *Telephone:* Emily Carlsen, Senior Attorney Advisor, 571–272–2235.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Response to Office Action and Voluntary Amendment Forms.

OMB Control Number: 0651–0050.

Abstract: This collection of information is required by the Trademark Act (Act), 15 U.S.C. 1051 *et seq.,* which provides for the registration of trademarks, service marks, collective trademark and service marks, collective membership marks, and certification marks. Individuals and businesses that use or intend to use such marks in commerce may file an application to register their marks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). This information collection generally contains information that is not submitted with the initial trademark application but is associated with, or required for, the USPTO review of applications for registration.

In some instances, the USPTO issues Office actions to applicants who have applied to register a mark, or to request information that was not provided with the initial submission but is required before the issuance of a registration. Also, the USPTO may determine that a mark is not entitled to registration, pursuant to one or more provisions of the Act. In such cases, the USPTO will issue an Office action advising the applicant of the refusal to register the mark. Applicants respond to these Office actions by providing the required information and/or by advancing legal arguments as to why the refusal of registration should be withdrawn.

The USPTO administers the Act through Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These rules allow the USPTO to request and receive information required to process applications. These rules also allow applicants to submit certain amendments to their applications.

Applicants may also supplement their applications and provide additional information by filing a Voluntary Amendment Not in Response to USPTO Office Action/Letter, a Request for Reconsideration after Final Action, a Post-Approval/Publication/Post-Notice of Allowance (NOA) Amendment, a Response to Suspension Inquiry or Letter of Suspension, or a Request for Extension of Time to File a Response.

Since the publication of the 60-day notice, the USPTO has updated the number of responses associated with