

scientific integrity violations, including those involving alleged political interference.

This public comment request is an opportunity for HHS to refine and strengthen the draft policy. We look forward to receiving your comments by September 1, 2023. The text of the draft policy is available through the Department of Health and Human Services website at <https://www.hhs.gov/programs/research/scientificintegrity>. Following public comment, HHS's final Scientific Integrity Policy will be published on the HHS website by February 2024. The website will include a mechanism for reporting allegations of loss of scientific integrity in HHS work.

For those who may not have internet access, a hard copy can be requested from the contact point, Casey Sullivan, (202) 205-8189.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; 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:** National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Special Emphasis Panel; Review of Voice, Speech, and Language Research Opportunities for New Investigators to Promote Workforce Diversity.

**Date:** August 1, 2023.

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Agenda:** To review and evaluate grant applications.

**Place:** National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive

Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852 (Virtual Meeting).

**Contact Person:** Andrea B. Kelly, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, National Institutes of Health, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Room 8351, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 451-6339, [kellya2@nih.gov](mailto:kellya2@nih.gov).

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

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#### National Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Committee management; request for applicants for appointment to a subcommittee of the National Advisory Council (NAC).

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requests that qualified individuals interested in serving on a subcommittee of the FEMA National Advisory Council (NAC) to provide advice regarding Preliminary Damage Assessments, apply for appointment as identified in this notice. Appointed members will serve on the subcommittee only and will not be members of the NAC.

**DATES:** FEMA will accept applications until 11:59 p.m. ET on August 10, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** The only method for application package submission is by email. Application packages by U.S. Mail will not be considered. Please submit using the following method:

- **Email:** Manuel Barrios, Alternate Designated Federal Officer, Recovery Directorate, Office of Response and Recovery, FEMA, [fema-pda-act@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-pda-act@fema.dhs.gov).

- Save materials in one file using the naming convention, "[Last Name]\_[First Name]\_PDA Application" and attach to the email.

FEMA will send applicants an email that confirms receipt of your application

and will notify you of the final status of your application once FEMA selects members.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Manuel Barrios, Alternate Designated Federal Officer, Recovery Directorate, Office of Response and Recovery, FEMA, (202) 212-3026, [fema-pda-act@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-pda-act@fema.dhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NAC is an advisory committee established in accordance with the provisions of the *Federal Advisory Committee Act* (FACA), 5 U.S.C. ch. 10. As required by the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 (PKEMRA), the Secretary of Homeland Security established the NAC to ensure effective and ongoing coordination of federal preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation for natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters. Appointees may be designated as a Special Government Employee (SGE) as defined in section 202(a) of title 18, U.S.C., or as a Representative member. SGEs speak in a personal capacity as experts in their field and Representative members speak for the stakeholder group they represent.

The Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA), National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023, Public Law 117-263, Sec. 5603, was signed into law on Dec. 23, 2022. The Act requires FEMA to convene an advisory panel consisting of emergency management personnel employed by State, local, Territorial, or Tribal authorities, and the representative organizations of such personnel, to assist the agency in improving critical components of the preliminary damage assessment process. This advisory panel will consider: (1) establishing a training regime to ensure preliminary damage assessments are conducted and reviewed under consistent guidelines; (2) utilizing a common technological platform to integrate data collected by state and local governments with data collected by the agency; and (3) assessing instruction materials provided by the agency for omissions of pertinent information or language that conflicts with other statutory requirements. The advisory panel will also identify opportunities for streamlining the consideration of preliminary damage assessments by the agency, including eliminating duplicative paperwork requirements and ensuring consistent communication and decision making among agency staff.

To serve on this advisory panel, FEMA will select:

(1) At least one representative from each of the ten (10) FEMA Regions