

on the matters listed above; (2) transmit the report to the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), the President, and the Committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and the House of Representatives; and (3) publish the report in the USPTO's Official Gazette. *Id.*

### Public Advisory Committees

The Public Advisory Committees are each composed of nine voting members who are appointed by the Secretary and serve at the pleasure of the Secretary for three-year terms. Members are eligible for reappointment for a second consecutive three-year term. The Public Advisory Committee members must be citizens of the United States. Members must also certify that they are not required to register with the Department of Justice as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, and that they are not a federally-registered lobbyist. Members are chosen to represent the interests of diverse users of the USPTO and must represent small- and large-entity applicants located in the United States in proportion to the number of applications filed by such applicants. In no case, however, shall members who represent small-entity patent applicants, including small business concerns, independent inventors, and nonprofit organizations, constitute less than 25% of the members of the PPAC. There must also be at least one independent inventor on the PPAC. The Committees must include individuals with a "substantial background and achievement in finance, management, labor relations, science, technology, and office automation." 35 U.S.C. 5(b)(3). Each of the Public Advisory Committees also includes three non-voting members representing each labor organization recognized by the USPTO.

### Procedures and Guidelines of the PPAC and the TPAC

Each newly appointed member of the PPAC and the TPAC will serve for a three-year term that begins on December 1, 2024, and ends on December 1, 2027. As required by the 1999 Act, members of the PPAC and the TPAC will receive compensation for each day (including travel time) they attend meetings or engage in the business of their Committee. The enabling statute states that members are to be compensated at the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay in effect for level III of the Executive Schedule under 5 U.S.C. 5314. Committee members are compensated on an hourly basis, calculated at the daily rate. While away from home or their regular place of

business, each member shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703.

### Applicability of Certain Ethics Laws

Public Advisory Committee members are Special Government Employees within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. 202. The following additional information includes several, but not all, of the ethics rules that apply to members, and assumes that members are not engaged in Public Advisory Committee business more than 60 days during any period of 365 consecutive days.

- Each member will be required to file a confidential financial disclosure form within 30 days of appointment. 5 CFR 2634.202(c), 2634.204, 2634.903, and 2634.904(b).
- Each member will be subject to many of the public integrity laws, including criminal bars against representing a party in a particular matter that comes before the member's committee and that involves at least one specific party. 18 U.S.C. 205(c); see also 18 U.S.C. 207 for post-membership bars. Also, a member must not act on a matter in which the member (or any of certain closely related entities) has a financial interest. 18 U.S.C. 208.
- Representation of foreign interests may also raise issues. 35 U.S.C. 5(a)(1) and 18 U.S.C. 219.

### Meetings of the PPAC and the TPAC

Meetings of each Public Advisory Committee will take place at the call of the respective Committee Chair to consider an agenda set by that Chair. Meetings may be conducted in person, telephonically, online, or by other appropriate means. The meetings of each Public Advisory Committee will be open to the public, but each Public Advisory Committee may, by majority vote, meet in an executive session when considering personnel, privileged, or other confidential information. Nominees must have the ability to participate in Public Advisory Committee business through the internet.

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## CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

### Academic Research Council Meeting

**AGENCY:** Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), this notice sets forth the announcement of a public meeting of the Academic Research Council (ARC or Council) of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB or Bureau). The notice also describes the functions of the Council.

**DATES:** The meeting date is Friday, June 7, 2024, from approximately 12:45 p.m. to 3 p.m., eastern time. This meeting will be held virtually and is open to the general public. Members of the public will receive the agenda and dial-in information when they RSVP.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim George, Outreach and Engagement Associate, Advisory Board and Councils, External Affairs Division, at 202-450-8617, or email: [CFPB\\_CABandCouncilsEvents@cfpb.gov](mailto:CFPB_CABandCouncilsEvents@cfpb.gov). If you require this document in an alternative electronic format, please contact [CFPB\\_Accessibility@cfpb.gov](mailto:CFPB_Accessibility@cfpb.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

Section 2 of the of the ARC Charter provides that pursuant to the executive and administrative powers conferred on the CFPB by section 1012 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act), the Director of the CFPB renews the discretionary Academic Research Council under agency authority in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. 10.

Section 3 of the ARC Charter states: "The committee will (1) provide the CFPB with advice about its strategic research planning process and research agenda, including views on the research that the CFPB should conduct relating to consumer financial products or services, consumer behavior, cost-benefit analysis, or other topics to enable the agency to further its statutory purposes and objectives; and, (2) provide the Office of Research with technical advice and feedback on research methodologies, data collection strategies, and methods of analysis, including methodologies and strategies for quantifying the costs and benefits of regulatory actions; and, (3) serve as peer reviewers of policy-determinative research conducted by the CFPB."

## II. Agenda

The ARC will discuss broad policy matters related to the Bureau's Research Agenda and general scope of authority.

If you require any additional reasonable accommodations(s) in order to attend this event, please contact the Reasonable Accommodations team at [CFPB\\_ReasonableAccommodations@cfpb.gov](mailto:CFPB_ReasonableAccommodations@cfpb.gov) 48 hours prior to the start of this event.

Written comments will be accepted from interested members of the public and should be sent to [CFPB\\_CABandCouncilsEvents@cfpb.gov](mailto:CFPB_CABandCouncilsEvents@cfpb.gov), a minimum of seven (7) days in advance of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the ARC members for consideration. Individuals who wish to attend this meeting must RSVP via this link [https://surveys.consumerfinance.gov/jfe/form/SV\\_czLnrnHtCNwPrf0](https://surveys.consumerfinance.gov/jfe/form/SV_czLnrnHtCNwPrf0).

## III. Availability

The Council's agenda will be made available to the public on Friday, May 24, 2024, via [consumerfinance.gov](https://consumerfinance.gov).

A recording and summary of this meeting will be available after the meeting on the Bureau's website [consumerfinance.gov](https://consumerfinance.gov).

**Jocelyn Sutton,**

*Deputy Chief of Staff, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

**[Transmittal No. 22-28]**

### Arms Sales Notification

**AGENCY:** Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Arms sales notice.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD is publishing the unclassified text of an arms sales notification.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Neil Hedlund at [neil.g.hedlund.civ@mail.mil](mailto:neil.g.hedlund.civ@mail.mil) or (703) 697-9214.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This 36(b)(1) arms sales notification is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated July 21, 1996. The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 22-28 with attached Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: May 15, 2024.

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*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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