

10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988), that an open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Joint Committee Project Committee will be held on Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 2 p.m. Eastern Time.

The public is invited to attend the meeting virtually, or by phone, and may provide oral comments or submit written statements for consideration. Due to meeting structure and time limitations, advance registration is required to attend or make public comments during the meeting. To register and receive meeting access information, please contact Rosalind Matherne at the contact information above no later than Thursday, July 18, 2025.

Meeting materials, including the agenda and any handouts, will be made available prior to the meeting at [www.improveirs.org](http://www.improveirs.org).

The agenda will include a committee discussion of new and continuing issues and other activities related to the new TAP year.

Dated: June 2, 2025.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of the Secretary

#### List of Countries Requiring Cooperation With an International Boycott

In accordance with section 999(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Department of the Treasury is publishing a current list of countries which require or may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

On the basis of the best information currently available to the Department of the Treasury, the following countries require or may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

Iraq  
Kuwait  
Lebanon  
Libya  
Qatar  
Saudi Arabia  
Syria  
Yemen

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Joint Biomedical Laboratory and Clinical Science (BL/CS) Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board, Federal Register Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. 10, that a meeting of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development (BLR&D) and Clinical Science Research and Development (CSR&D) Services Scientific Merit Review Board will be held July 8, 2025, from 3-5 p.m. EST, via Microsoft Teams. The meeting will be partially closed to the public, with an open portion from 3-3:30 p.m. The closed portion, from 3:30-5 p.m., will be used for scientific review and discussion, examination of, and reference to the research applications. Discussions will involve staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. Discussions will also cover the scientific merit of each proposal and the qualifications of the personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Additionally, premature disclosure of research information could significantly obstruct implementation of proposed agency action regarding the research proposals. As provided by Public Law 92-463 subsection 10(d), and amended by Public Law 94-409, closing the committee meeting is in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

The objective of the Board is to provide for the fair and equitable

selection of the most meritorious research projects for support by VA research funds and to offer advice for research program officials on program priorities and policies. The ultimate objective of the Board is to ensure the high quality and mission relevance of VA's legislatively mandated BL/CS Research and Development programs.

Board members will advise the Directors of the BL/CS Research Services, as well as the Acting Chief Research and Development Officer, on the scientific and technical merit, mission relevance, and protection of human subjects of the proposals submitted to BL/CS. The Board does not consider grants, contracts, or other forms of extramural research.

Members of the public may attend the open portion of the meeting from 3-3:30 p.m. EST, via Microsoft Teams (in listen-only mode, as the time limited agenda does not allow for public comment or presentations). To attend the open portion of the meeting, the public may dial the Microsoft Teams phone number (1-872-701-0185) and enter the meeting access code (513 797 246#).

Written comments from members of the public should be sent to Michael R. Burgio, Ph.D., Designated Federal Officer, Advisory Committee Management Office, 811 Vermont Avenue NW, Room 4342A, Washington, DC 20006, or to [Michael.Burgio@va.gov](mailto:Michael.Burgio@va.gov), at least five days before the meeting. The written public comments will be shared with the Board members. The public may not attend the closed portion of the meeting, as disclosure of research information could significantly obstruct implementation of proposed agency action regarding the research proposals (per Pub. L. 92-463 subsection 10(d) and amended by Pub. L. 94-409, closing the meeting is in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B)).

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