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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Parr, National Agricultural Library, at Cynthia.Parr@usda.gov, or 301-837-8917.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose: USDA seeks public input on its plans for enhancing policy, infrastructure, and outreach to make results of the research it funds more readily available and accessible by the public.

Background: USDA developed a public access plan in response to the February 22, 2013 OSTP memorandum entitled "Increasing Access to the Results of Federally Funded Scientific Research" and several White House memoranda. Current USDA policy and activities were developed from that original plan. On August 25, 2022, OSTP issued a new public access memorandum: "Ensuring Free, Immediate, and Equitable Access to Federally Funded Research." In response to OSTP's 2022 memo, USDA will enhance policy, infrastructure, and outreach to make its scientific data and publications more readily available and accessible by the public, as described generally in the new plan, which can be viewed at: <https://www.nal.usda.gov/services/public-access/>. This listening effort, organized by the National Agricultural Library on behalf of the USDA Office of the Chief Scientist, allows stakeholders the opportunity to provide feedback on USDA's plan and to inform details of its policy-making and other implementation. The USDA Public Access plan and policies apply to the results of research funded wholly or in part by any USDA component agency. USDA provides the questions listed below to prompt feedback and comments. USDA encourages public

comment on any or all of these questions, and also seeks any other information that commenters believe is relevant. The questions to enhance public access of USDA-funded research outcomes are:

- How can USDA best implement its plans to improve public access to USDA-funded research results?
- How can USDA update or refine its policies to improve public access to USDA-funded research results?
- How can USDA ensure equity in publication opportunities?
- How can USDA use partnerships to improve public access and accessibility to results of USDA-funded research?
- How can USDA monitor impacts on communities impacted by its public access policies?

Done at Washington, DC.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Utah Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that the Utah Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a public meeting via Zoom at 3:00 p.m. MT on Tuesday, October 3, 2023. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Committee's project concerning the civil rights implications of disparate outcomes in Utah's K-12 education system.

DATES: Tuesday, October 3, 2023, from 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Mountain Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via Zoom.

Registration Link (Audio/Visual):
<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1607662226>.

Join by Phone (Audio Only): (833) 435-1820 USA Toll-Free; Meeting ID: 160 766 2226.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Barreras, Designated Federal Officer, at dbarreras@usccr.gov or (202) 656-8937.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This committee meeting is available to the public through the registration link

above. Any interested member of the public may listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. Per the Federal Advisory Committee Act, public minutes of the meeting will include a list of persons who are present at the meeting. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Closed captioning will be available for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or who have certain cognitive or learning impairments. To request additional accommodations, please email Liliana Schiller, Support Services Specialist, at lschiller@usccr.gov at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be emailed to David Barreras at dbarreras@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at (312) 353-8311.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Coordination Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meetings will be available via www.facadatabase.gov under the Commission on Civil Rights, Utah Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at lschiller@usccr.gov.

Agenda

- I. Welcome & Roll Call
- II. Discussion: Civil Rights Implications of Disparate Outcomes in Utah's K-12 Education System
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Next Steps
- V. Adjournment

Dated: September 18, 2023.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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