

# Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Public Business Meeting Agenda

January 16, 2019  
625 Indiana Ave., NW - Room 7019  
Washington, DC 20004-2901  
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Meeting Subject:** A discussion of the implicit and explicit recommendations captured in the National Academy of Public Administration’s (NAPA) November 2018 Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) organizational Assessment and recent Inspector General recommendations concerning the effectiveness of the DNFSB.

**Meeting Status:** Open

10:00 am – 10:20 am **Board Member Opening Remarks**

Mr. Bruce Hamilton, Chair  
Ms. Jessie Hill Roberson, Member  
Mr. Daniel J. Santos, Member  
Ms. Joyce L. Connery, Member

10:20 am – 11:00 am **Discussion of Prior Public Business Meeting**

11:00 am – 11:10 am BREAK

11:10 am – 11:40 **Recommendations #5, 6, 7, and 8**

**Recommendation #5 – Strengthen Congressional Engagement**

*Board members should enhance the Board’s reputation as a source of expertise and excellent oversight of defense nuclear facilities.*

**Recommendation #6 – Bolster Engagement with Department of the Energy Leaders**

*Board members should restart the Board’s relationships with key DOE leaders who share nuclear safety oversight.*

**Recommendation #7 – Actively Engage with Public Interest Groups**

*Board members should continue their practice of holding an annual hearing for interest groups and individuals, while continuing intensive engagements with these groups and individuals during field visits.*

**Recommendation #8 – Respond Positively to DNFSB Efforts to Enhance Engagement (for Department of Energy)**

*The Board’s ability to carry out its mission would be greatly facilitated by the DOE’s full level of support in kind.*

**Outcomes Discussions – led by Chairman Bruce Hamilton**

11:40 am – 11:50 am **Recommendation #9 – Prioritize Strategic Planning and Strategic Goals**

*Preparing for the future through quality strategic planning is a principal task of an agency leader, but it has not been a priority of the current board members. The Board chair should ensure that the strategic planning function is clearly delineated, with board members carving out substantial time and energy to focus on new requirements in years ahead.*

**Outcomes Discussion - Led by Member Joyce L. Connery**

11:50 am – 12:00 pm BREAK

12:00 pm – 12:20 pm **Recommendations #10 and 11**

**Recommendation #10 – Maintain a Unified Agenda**

*Board members should ensure that all staff-conducted reviews are of the highest quality.*

**Recommendation #11 – Revert to a Traditional Organizational Staffing Dynamic**

*The board members should revert to a more traditional staffing model to better allow the Board's SES members to lead, its directors to direct, the Board's supervisors to supervise, and its problems resolved at the lowest possible level.*

**Outcomes Discussion – Led by Member Daniel J. Santos**

12:20 pm – 12:40 pm **Discussion of Recommendation #12 – Appoint an Executive Director for Operations**

*Board members should appoint an executive director for operations to lead the staff, filling the position after a deliberative and open search, including consideration of outside candidates.*

**Outcomes Discussion – Led by Member Jessie Hill Roberson**

12:40 pm – 1:00 pm **Meeting Summary by Casey Blaine, Acting General Counsel**

**Board Member Closing Statements**

**Adjourn**

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