



Overview of National Assessment Governing Board Nominations

Nominations Process

For the Board to consider a candidate, it is essential to have the following information for each individual being nominated:

- **Nominating letter.** This letter should state the category for which the individual is being nominated, and describe the candidate's qualifications as they relate to the Board's policy responsibilities for the National Assessment of Educational Progress.
- **Full resume or curriculum vitae.** A full resume or vitae is necessary to evaluate a candidate's qualifications. A short biographical sketch is not sufficient.

To receive full consideration, all recommendations must be received by the Governing Board no later than October 15, 2010.

Nominations may be submitted via mail, email, or fax to:

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Background

Congress passed legislation in 1988 creating the National Assessment Governing Board. The legislation has been amended and reauthorized several times since 1988, most recently in 2002. The statute provides that "...the Secretary and the Assessment Board shall ensure at all times that the membership of the Assessment Board reflects regional, racial, gender and cultural balance and diversity—and that the Assessment Board exercises its independent judgment, free from inappropriate influences and special interests."

The Board is comprised of 26 members who are widely representative of our nation and who serve four-year terms. As vacancies occur, new members of the Board are appointed by the Secretary from among candidates forwarded to the Secretary by the Board, after broad outreach to organizations and individuals. For each vacant position, the Board must

nominate at least six persons who, by reason of experience or training, are qualified to serve as a Board member in a particular category. Current members of the Board who have not completed two full terms, and who are otherwise eligible, may be re-nominated.

Position Details

Board members are considered special Federal employees. As such, they receive an honorarium while attending Board meetings; must abide by applicable laws and policies, including conflict of interest regulations; and are reimbursed for travel and other expenses in accordance with Federal Travel Regulations. The Board meets regularly four times a year. Two quarterly Board meetings are held in the Washington, DC area and the other two meetings are conducted in cities around the United States. Committees of the Board meet at other times, as necessary.

Term

The term for each of the seven positions is October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2015.