

National Assessment Governing Board

Partially Closed Session

Report of March 1, 2014

Under the provisions of exemption 2 and 6 of section 552b(C) of Title 5 U.S.C. the National Assessment Governing Board met in closed session on March 1, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. to receive a briefing on the Governing Board's 2014 Nominations for Governing Board terms beginning October 1, 2014.

Tonya Miles, Chair of the Nominations Committee, described the Governing Board's nominations process and timeline. She presented the list of finalists recommended by the Nominations Committee for terms beginning October 1, 2014 in each of the 5 categories:

1. 4th Grade Teacher
2. 8th Grade Teacher
3. Secondary School Principal
4. General Public Representative
5. Chief State School Officer

Ms. Miles highlighted key demographics of the finalists, which illustrated a diverse pool of individuals. She presented the recommendation of the Nominations Committee to approve the slate of finalists for submission to the Secretary of Education for review and appointment.

Open Session:

Board members took action to approve the final list of candidates recommended by the Nominations Committee.

Closed Session:

Under the provisions of exemption 9(B) of section 552b(C) of Title 5 U.S.C. the National Assessment Governing Board met in closed session on March 1, 2014 from 8:50 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. to receive a briefing on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) budget and discuss information on upcoming decisions needed for the NAEP assessment schedule.

Peggy Carr, Associate Commissioner, National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), provided a briefing on the following topics:

- Budgeting principles
- NAEP assessment cycle
- FY 2014 funding and impact on anticipated funding flow
- Assessment schedule scenarios
- Time for decisions by the Governing Board

The NAEP budgeting principles are to maintain NAEP's gold standard, implement the Governing Board policies, maintain efficient design and methodology, invest in the future, ensure startup funds for next cycle, and maintain a positive cash flow.

Ms. Carr provided details on the FY 2014 appropriation for NAEP and the Governing Board—\$132 million and \$8.2 million respectively for a total of \$140.2 million. She described the assessment cycle and the NAEP timeline for the assessments with respect to assessment year, item development, pilot testing, data collection, scoring and analysis, and reporting.

Decision milestones needed from the Governing Board and estimated cash flows with budget variables were discussed for FY 2013 through FY 2017. Ms. Carr highlighted what is included and what is not included in the 2013-2017 assessment cycle activities. Assessment schedule scenarios were discussed with respect to the number of subjects and grades tested.

Ms. Carr highlighted critical questions the Board needs to consider for 2014-2016.

Board members engaged in a question and answer session following the presentation. Members agreed to discuss the budget and NAEP schedule at the May 2014 Board meeting.

I certify the accuracy of these minutes.



David Driscoll, Chairman

March 1, 2014

Date