



February 25, 2015

Dear Board Member,

We are providing the agenda and briefing materials for the March 5-7 meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. The meeting will be held in Arlington, Virginia at the Westin Crystal City hotel located at 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway.

Thursday's agenda includes a meeting of the Assessment Literacy Work Group, followed by the Executive Committee. During a closed briefing and discussion on the NAEP schedule and budget beginning at 5:00 pm, the Executive Committee will examine detailed cost information and the potential impact on the NAEP schedule. I encourage all Board members to attend this Executive Committee meeting as the Board's action on the NAEP schedule of assessments, set to occur during Friday's final session, will build upon the Thursday discussion.

After the Board's standard business Friday morning, the Committees will meet. The Friday closed working lunch session will include an embargoed briefing on the NAEP 2014 Grade 8 Civics, Geography, and U.S. History Reports. The open session on Friday afternoon will include a briefing and discussion on the assessment of English language learners. The Board will be briefed on this topic by senior officials from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of English Language Acquisition and the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, in addition to Governing Board and NCES staff. The final agenda item on Friday will involve a closed session on the NAEP schedule of assessments and budget. The Board will reconvene in open session to take action on the NAEP schedule of assessments prior to adjourning for the day.

On Saturday morning, the Board will convene in a closed session to consider nominations finalists for Board terms beginning October 1, 2015. The Board will reconvene in an open session to take action on the finalists in seven categories. Chairman Mazany will then lead the Board in a discussion on the strategic planning initiative to further the conversation from the November 2014 Board meeting. The March 2015 Board meeting will close with the standard reports and Board actions, as well as a preview of the May 14-16 2015 Board meeting to be held in Columbus, Indiana.

Sadly, this will be my last meeting as your Executive Director. It has been my privilege to work with you and get to know you personally. Working for the Governing Board has been the highlight of my career and I will always remember these days fondly. You are a remarkable Board, individually and collectively.

We look forward to an exciting and productive March meeting. If you need further assistance in your preparations for the Board meeting, please let us know how we can help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Cornelia S. Orr".

Cornelia S. Orr  
Executive Director



# Meeting of March 5–7, 2015

Westin Crystal City  
1800 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Arlington, VA 22202  
(703) 486-1111

## AGENDA

### Thursday, March 5

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| 11:30 am – 4:00 pm | Assessment Literacy Work Group<br><i>Lucille Davy, Acting Chair</i><br>Crystal IV                             |
| 4:30 – 6:00 pm     | Executive Committee<br><b>(Closed Session 5:00 – 5:55 pm)</b><br><i>Terry Mazany, Chair</i><br>Crystal V & VI |

### Friday, March 6

Jefferson II & III

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| 8:30 – 9:00 am | Approval of March 2015 Agenda<br>Approval of November 2014 Board Meeting Minutes<br>Chairman's Remarks<br><i>Terry Mazany, Chair</i> |
| 9:00 – 9:15 am | Executive Director's Report<br><i>Cornelia Orr, Executive Director</i>   |
| 9:15 – 9:30 am | Institute for Education Sciences (IES) Update<br><i>Sue Betka, Acting Director, IES</i>  |

# Friday, March 6 (continued)

Jefferson II & III

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| 9:30 – 9:45 am      | National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) Update<br><i>Peggy Carr, Acting NCES Commissioner</i>   |   |  |
| 9:45 – 10:00 am     | BREAK   |   |  |
| 10:00 am – 12:30 pm | <b>Committee Meetings</b><br>(Joint ADC/R&D Session, 10:00-10:45 am, Crystal VI)  |   |  |
|                     | Assessment Development Committee<br><i>Shannon Garrison, Chair</i><br>Crystal IV  | Committee on Standards, Design and Methodology<br><i>Lou Fabrizio, Chair</i><br>Crystal V | Reporting & Dissemination Committee<br><i>Andrés Alonso, Chair</i><br>Crystal VI |
| 12:30 – 12:45 pm    | BREAK   |   |  |
| 12:45 – 1:45 pm     | <b>Closed Working Lunch Session</b><br>Briefing and Discussion: NAEP 2014 Grade 8 Civics, Geography, and U.S. History Reports<br><i>Arnold Goldstein, NCES</i><br>Jefferson II & III  |   |  |
| 1:45 – 2:00 pm      | BREAK   |   |  |
| 2:00 – 3:30 pm      | Briefing and Discussion: Assessment of English Language Learners (ELL's)<br><i>Cornelia Orr, Governing Board</i><br><i>Grady Wilburn, NCES</i><br><i>Carlos Martinez, Office of English Language Acquisition</i><br><i>Terra Wallin, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education</i> |   |  |
| 3:30 – 3:45 pm      | BREAK   |   |  |
| 3:45 – 4:45 pm      | <b>Closed Session</b><br>Presentation and Discussion:<br>NAEP Schedule of Assessments and Budget<br><i>Terry Mazany</i><br><i>Peggy Carr, NCES</i>  |   |  |
| 4:45 – 5:00 pm      | <b>Open Session</b><br><b>ACTION:</b> NAEP Schedule of Assessments<br><i>Terry Mazany</i>   |   |  |
| 5:00 pm             | Adjourn   |   |  |

## Saturday, March 7

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| 7:30– 8:15 am | Nominations Committee<br><b>(Closed Session)</b><br><i>Tonya Miles, Chair</i><br>Crystal IV |
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### Plenary Session

Jefferson II & III

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| 8:30 – 8:50 am        | <b>Closed Session</b><br>Nominations for Board Terms Beginning October 1, 2015<br><i>Tonya Miles, Nominations Committee Chair</i>  |
| 8:50 – 9:00 am        | <b>Open Session</b><br><b>ACTION:</b> Nominations for Board Terms Beginning October 1, 2015<br><i>Tonya Miles</i>  |
| 9:00 – 9:15 am        | BREAK  |
| 9:15 – 10:30 am       | Governing Board Strategic Planning Initiative<br><i>Terry Mazany</i>   |
| 10:30 – 10:45 am      | BREAK  |
| 10:45 – 11:45 am      | <b>Reports and Board Actions</b><br><i>Executive Committee</i><br><br><i>Assessment Development Committee</i><br><br><i>Committee on Standards, Design and Methodology</i><br><br><i>Reporting and Dissemination Committee</i><br><b>ACTION: Release Plan for 2014 NAEP Report Cards in<br/>Civics, Geography, and U.S. History</b><br><br><i>Assessment Literacy Work Group</i> |
| 11:45 am – 12:00 Noon | Preview of May 2015 Board Meeting in Columbus, Indiana<br><i>Dale Nowlin, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher</i>  |
| 12:00 Noon            | Adjourn  |

## Westin Crystal City Floor Plan Level 2



## 2015 - 2016 Quarterly Board Meeting Dates and Locations

| MEETING DATES          | LOCATION      |
|------------------------|---------------|
| <b>2015</b>            |               |
| May 14 – 16, 2015      | Columbus, IN  |
| August 6 – 8, 2015     | TBD           |
| November 19 – 21, 2015 | Arlington, VA |
|                        |               |
| <b>2016</b>            |               |
| March 3 – 5, 2016      | TBD           |
| May 12 – 14, 2016      | TBD           |
| August 4 – 6, 2016     | TBD           |
| November 17 – 19, 2016 | TBD           |

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2014-2015**

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