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Board of Advisors to the Presidents of the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College

1. **Committee’s Official Designation:** The Committee shall be known as the Board of Advisors to the Presidents of the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College (“the Board”).

2. **Authority:** The Secretary of Defense, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and 41 C.F.R. § 102-3.50(d), established the Board.

3. **Objectives and Scope of Activities:** The Board shall examine and advise on matters pertaining to the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College, as set out in (4) below.

4. **Description of Duties:** The Board shall provide independent advice to the Secretary of Defense through the Secretary of the Navy and other Navy Component Heads as determined by the Secretary of the Navy on matters relating to the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College. These matters included, but are not limited to, organizational management, curricula and methods of instructions, facilities, and other matters of interest.

5. **Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports:** The Board shall report to the Secretary of the Navy, through the Chief of Naval Operations and the Presidents of the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College. The Secretary of the Navy may act upon the Board’s advice and recommendations.

6. **Support:** The DoD, through the Office of the Secretary of the Navy and the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College, shall provide support services as deemed necessary for the Board’s performance, and shall ensure compliance with the requirements of the FACA, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b, as amended) (“the Sunshine Act”), governing Federal statutes and regulations, and established DoD policies and procedures.

7. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years:** The estimated annual operating costs, to include travel costs and meeting and contracting support, are approximately $250,000. The estimated annual personnel costs to the DoD are 1.0 full-time equivalent.

8. **Designated Federal Officer:** The Board’s Designated Federal Officer (DFO), pursuant to DoD policy, shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and shall be appointed in accordance with established DoD policies and procedures.

The Board’s DFO is required to be in attendance at all Board and subcommittee meetings for the entire duration of each and every meeting. However, in the absence of the Board’s DFO, an Alternate DFO, duly appointed to the Board according to DoD policies and procedures, shall attend the entire duration of the Board or subcommittee meetings.

The DFO, or the Alternate DFO, shall call all of the Board’s and subcommittees’ meetings; prepare and approve all meeting agendas; and adjourn any meeting, when the DFO or Alternate DFO, determines adjournment to be in the public’s interest or required by governing regulations or DoD policies/procedures.
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9. **Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:** The Board shall meet at the call of the Board’s DFO, in consultation with the Chair. The estimated number of Board meetings is one per year.

10. **Duration:** The need for this advisory function is on a continuing basis; however, it is subject to renewal every two years.

11. **Termination:** The Board shall terminate upon completion of its mission or two years from the date this charter is filed, whichever is sooner, unless the Secretary of Defense or designee extends it.

12. **Membership and Designation:** The Board shall be comprised of no more than 10 members, who are eminent authorities in the fields of academia, business, national defense and security, the defense industry, and research and analysis. Not less than 50 percent of Board members shall be eminent authorities in the field of academia. Board members shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense, with annual renewals.

   The Secretary of the Navy may select and appoint the Chair of the Board from members previously approved by the Secretary of Defense to serve on the Board.

   The Chief of Naval Personnel/Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education, and the Commanding General, Training and Education Command, United States Marine Corps shall serve as ex-officio members of the Board. Ex-officio members shall have voting rights and count toward the Board’s total membership.

   Board members appointed by the Secretary of Defense, who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal employees, shall be appointed as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. § 3109 to serve as special government employee members. Those individuals who are full-time or permanent part-time, Federal employees will be appointed as regular government employee (RGE) members.

   The Secretary of Defense may approve the appointment of Board members for one to four year terms of service; however, no member, unless authorized by the Secretary of Defense, may serve more than two consecutive terms of service.

   Regardless of the individual’s approved term of service, all appointments to the Board shall be renewed on an annual basis. In addition, they shall serve without compensation, except for reimbursement for official travel and per diem.

   Each Board member is appointed to provide advice on behalf of the government on the basis of his or her best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest.

13. **Subcommittees:** The Department, when necessary and consistent with the Board’s mission and DoD policies and procedures, may establish subcommittees, task groups, or working groups deemed necessary to support the Board. Establishment of subcommittees will be based upon a
written determination, to include terms of reference, by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, or the Secretary of the Navy.

The Board shall establish two permanent subcommittees:

a. The Naval Postgraduate School Subcommittee shall be comprised of no more than 15 members and shall focus on the Naval Postgraduate School. The Chief of Naval Personnel/Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education Command; the Commanding General USMC Training and Education Command; the Commandant Army War College; the Chief of Naval Research; and the Commander and President of the Air University, shall serve as ex-officio members of the subcommittee with voting rights and counting towards the subcommittee’s total membership. The subcommittee shall meet a minimum of two times annually.

b. The Naval War College Subcommittee shall be comprised of no more than 10 members and shall focus on the Naval War College. The Chief of Naval Personnel/Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education shall serve as an ex-officio member of the subcommittee with voting rights and counting towards the subcommittee’s total membership. The subcommittee shall meet a minimum of two times annually.

These subcommittees shall not work independently of the chartered Board, and shall report all of their recommendations and advice to the Board for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Board; nor can any subcommittees or any of its members update or report directly to the Department of Defense or any Federal officers or employees.

Such subcommittee members shall be appointed in the same manner as the Board members; that is, the Secretary of Defense shall appoint subcommittee members even if the member in question is already a Board member. Subcommittee members, with the approval of the Secretary of Defense, may serve a term of service on the subcommittee of one to four years; however, no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms of service on the subcommittee.

Subcommittee members, if not full-time or permanent part-time government employees, shall be appointed in the same manner as the Board members. Such individuals, shall be appointed to serve as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. § 3109, and serve as special government employees, whose appointments must be renewed by the Secretary of Defense on an annual basis. Those individuals who are full-time or permanent part-time, Federal employees will be appointed as RGE members. With the exception of reimbursement for official travel and per diem, subcommittee members shall serve without compensation.

The Secretary of the Navy may select and appoint the chair of both the Naval Postgraduate School Subcommittee to the Board and the Naval War College Subcommittee of the Board from subcommittee members previously approved by the Secretary of Defense to serve on the subcommittee in question.
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All subcommittees operate under the provisions of FACA, the Sunshine Act, governing Federal statutes and regulations, and governing DoD policies and procedures.

14. Recordkeeping: The records of the Board and its subcommittees shall be handled according to section 2, General Records Schedule 26, and appropriate DoD policies and procedures. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act of 1966 (5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended).

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