

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Scientific and Technical Review Board on Biomedical and Behavioral Research Facilities

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Health and Human Services	2025
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Scientific and Technical Review Board on Biomedical and Behavioral Research Facilities	1908

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	06/01/2024	06/01/2026	

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No		

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
402(b)(16), 404I, and 492, 282(b)(16), 283K and 289a	06/10/1993	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Grant Review Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0

Meetings and Dates
No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Section 492 of the PHS Act states that The Secretary...shall by regulation require appropriate technical and scientific peer review of -- (A) applications...; and (B) biomedical and behavioral research and development contracts.... This committee is composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research and research facilities authorities who represent the forefront of research and technical knowledge and who provide first-level merit review of highly scientific and technical research grant applications in the fields of biomedical and behavioral research. The

committee reviewed 80 grants requesting
\$570,127,195.00

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The authorized members of this Board are collectively (a) are experienced in the planning, construction, financing, and administration of entities that conduct biomedical or behavioral research sciences; (b) are knowledgeable in making determinations of the need of entities for biomedical or behavioral research facilities, including such facilities for the dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, and allied health professions; (c) are knowledgeable in evaluating the relative priorities for applications for grants under section 404I(a) of the PHS Act in view of the overall research needs of the United States, and (d) are experienced with emerging centers of excellence, as described in section 404I(c)(2) of the PHS Act.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Scientific and Technical Review Board on Biomedical and Behavioral Research Facilities held 2 meetings during this reporting period - 03/28/2024 and 06/24/2024.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This Board is composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research and research facilities authorities who represent the forefront of research and technical knowledge and who provide first-level merit review of highly scientific and technical research grant applications. These evaluations and recommendations cannot be obtained from other sources because the specialized, complex nature of the applications

requires a unique balance and breadth of expertise not available on the NIH staff or from other established sources.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The meeting was closed to the public for the review of grant applications and/or contract proposals. Sections 552b(c)(4) and 552(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act permit the closing of meetings where discussion could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

21. Remarks

Reports: This committee did not produce any public reports during the fiscal year. Dr. Taisha Griffith's term ended on 4/21/2023; however, this early separation was not recorded in the FY 2023 report. Decision maker changed from Robert Eisinger to Tara Schwetz. URL: This committee does not have a website. In general, initial/integrated review group (IRG) members serve up to six years, which is documented in the Members list. The permanent membership of this IRG may be supplemented by temporary members who are individuals recruited based on expertise needed for each meeting. Some temporary members may attend one meeting only while others may attend multiple meetings. Instead of appointment start and end dates, each meeting date on which the temporary member served is identified on the Members list. Meeting rosters, including members' affiliations and zip codes are available online at <https://public.era.nih.gov/pubroster/rosterIndex.era>.

Designated Federal Officer

Jonathan Ivins Branch Chief

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Baker, Jack	07/01/2021	06/30/2025	Associate Laboratory Planner, HOK, INC	Peer Review Consultant Member
Bugyis, Paulina	07/01/2022	06/30/2026	Principal, Laboratory Research and Design, LLC	Peer Review Consultant Member
Chatterjee, Anirban	07/31/2023	06/30/2027	Director, Millipore Corporation	Peer Review Consultant Member
Dickson, Ellen	08/03/2023	06/30/2027	Managing Principal, Bailey Edward	Peer Review Consultant Member
Eisen, Judith	07/01/2022	06/30/2026	Professor, University of Oregon	Peer Review Consultant Member
Erdman, Susan	07/01/2022	06/30/2026	Principal Research Scientist and Assistant Director, Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Peer Review Consultant Member
Hendrickson, Peter	08/07/2023	06/30/2027	Associate Vice Chancellor, University of California, Los Angeles	Peer Review Consultant Member
Jackson, Tanise	07/31/2023	06/30/2027	Director of Animal Welfare and Research Integrity, Florida A&M University	Peer Review Consultant Member
Langan, George	07/01/2021	06/30/2025	Associate Dean, Research Resources, Animal Resource Center, University of Chicago	Peer Review Consultant Member
Macy, James	07/01/2022	06/30/2026	Professor, Yale University School of Medicine	Peer Review Consultant Member
Reed, Danielle	07/01/2021	06/30/2025	Associate Director, Monell Chemical Senses Center	Peer Review Consultant Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 11

Narrative Description

NIH's mission is to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability. NIH works toward that mission by supporting the research of non-Federal scientists in universities, medical schools, hospitals, and research institutions throughout the country and abroad. Section 492 of the PHS Act states that The Secretary...shall by regulation require appropriate technical and scientific peer review of -- (A) applications; and (B) biomedical and behavioral research and development contracts...

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000

☐

Over \$10,000,000

☐

Cost Savings Other

☐

Cost Savings Comments

NIH supported basic and clinical research accomplishments often take many years to unfold into new diagnostic tests and new ways to treat and prevent diseases.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

1,669

Number of Recommendations Comments

Grant Review

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

NIH Peer Review Committees are involved in the initial review of research grant applications. The NIH dual peer review system is mandated by statute in accordance with section 492 of the Public Health Service Act. The charge to this committee is to determine scientific and technical merit of the individual grants or contracts. These recommendations are forwarded to Federal officials who generally accept the committee's recommendations and favorable applications are then forwarded for the second level of review performed by Institute and Center (IC) National Advisory Councils or Boards. Only applications that are favorably recommended by both the initial peer review committee and the Advisory Council may be recommended for funding.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Information resulting from closed initial peer review meetings is subject to the Freedom of Information Act. The public can view information on research projects funded by NIH on the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website located at <http://report.nih.gov>.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

Yes

What is the estimated Number of grants reviewed for approval 80

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval 80

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval \$570,127,195

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Contact IC Committee Management Officer, Ms. Sharon Sealey, at 301-435-1142.