

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human
Services

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Board of Regents of the National Library
of Medicine

3b. GSA

Committee No.

167

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

11/30/2022 11/30/2024

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 286a

13. Effective Date

11/20/1985

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

0

17b. Closed0

17c. Partially Closed0

Other Activities0

17d. Total0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next
FY 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?

This Board is composed of both scientific and public members who provide the second level of peer review, advise on policy development, program implementation and evaluation, and research needs and opportunities of the National Library of Medicine. In FY2023, the Board provided second level peer review of 726 grants requesting \$1,895,920,254.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Board is composed of ten appointed members with interests and responsibilities paralleling those of the National Library of Medicine. Eight members are selected from

among leaders in the various fields of the fundamental sciences, medicine, dentistry, public health, hospital administration, pharmacology, health communications technology, or scientific or medical library work, and two from public affairs.

The Board also consists of nine ex officio members: the Surgeons General of the Public Health Service, the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force; the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs; the Dean of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences; the Assistant Director for Biological Sciences of the National Science Foundation; the Director of the National Agricultural Library; and the Librarian of Congress.

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

The Board met three times this fiscal year. The Board provides advice on a continuing basis on the effectiveness of ongoing intramural and extramural programs, the future development of new initiatives, and how to carry out the designated mission and responsibilities of the National Library of Medicine. In FY 2023, the Board of Regents met on February 7, 2023, May 9, 2023, and September 12-13, 2023. The Board will meet three times in FY 2024.

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

The Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine is composed of both scientific and public members who provide the second level of review for grant applications; advise on policy development, program implementation and evaluation; and research needs and opportunities of the National Library of Medicine. The quality, scope, and balance of advice from this Board

cannot be obtained from NIH staff or from other established sources because the membership of the Board is constituted to meet the specific requirements of the mandated mission of the Board of Regents and the National Library of Medicine.

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

Sections of the Board of Regents meetings were closed to the public for the review of grant applications. Sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(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

Committee Function: Other - National Scientific and Advisory. Reports: This committee did not produce any reports during this reporting period. Committee Decision Maker and Designated Federal Official are the same individual based on assigned duties within NLM. Dr. Patricia Flatley Brennan retired as of 9/30/2023 and Dr. Stephen Sherry is the new Designated Federal Officer for this committee. Dr. Kristi Holmes was reassigned to the Chair role in FY23. FY23 Ex-Officio Retirements: Dr. Joseph Francis, VA, was replaced on the committee by Dr. Susan Kirsh. Dr. Hassan Tetteh, US Navy, was replaced by Dr. Niels Olson. Col. Kent DeZee, US Army, was replaced by Col. Joseph Sterbis. Dr. Mitchell Katz and Mr. Philip Walker became new members in FY23, Lourdes Baezconde-Garbanati and Heidi Rehm rotated off in FY23. Ms. Jennifer Lucca is

listed as Hourly or Daily Compensation Only as she is a local member and only receives honoraria. Dr. Kristi Holmes, Ms. Jennifer Lucca, and Dr. Nancy Smider's member term start dates were corrected to show 10/1/2020, which was their actual start date and not 8/4/2020.

Designated Federal Officer

STEPHEN SHERRY ACTING DIRECTOR, NLM

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
CANTILINA, THOMAS	10/01/2015	09/30/2027	SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE AF/SG, US AIR FORCE	Ex Officio Member
CIMINO, JAMES	10/06/2021	08/03/2025	DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, BIRMINGHAM	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
ELEKONICH, MICHELLE	09/13/2022	09/30/2027	DEPUTY DIVISION DIRECTOR, INTEGRATED ORGANISMAL SYSTEMS DIVISION, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION	Ex Officio Member
HOLMES, KRISTI	10/01/2020	08/03/2024	DIRECTOR, HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
KATZ, MITCHELL	04/23/2023	08/03/2026	PRESIDENT AND CEO, NEW YORK CITY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
KIRSH, SUSAN	05/12/2023	09/30/2027	DEPUTY ASST. UNDER SECRETARY FOR DISCOVERY, VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION	Ex Officio Member
LUCCA, JENNIFER	10/01/2020	08/03/2024	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NIH CHILDREN'S INN	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

MAGGIO, LAUREN	09/01/2021	09/30/2027	PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE, USUHS	Ex Officio Member
MAZANEC, MARY	10/01/2016	09/30/2027	DIRECTOR, CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS SURGEON GENERAL, PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE	Ex Officio Member
MURTHY, VIVEK	04/14/2021	09/30/2025	DIRECTOR OF BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS, CHARLES R. DREW UNIVERSITY	Ex Officio Member
OGUNYEMI, OMOLOLA	10/06/2021	08/03/2025	CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, DEFENSE INNOVATION UNIT, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
OLSON, NIELS	02/01/2023	09/30/2027	DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH INFORMATICS, EPIC SYSTEMS CORPORATION	Ex Officio Member
SMIDER, NANCY	10/01/2020	08/03/2024	DIRECTOR, ARMY MEDICAL EDUCATION DIRECTORATE, U.S. ARMY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
STERBIS, JOSEPH	02/10/2023	09/30/2027	DIRECTOR, BIOMEDICAL LIBRARY AND LEARNING CENTER, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY	Ex Officio Member
WALKER, PHILIP	04/12/2023	08/03/2026	DIRECTOR, NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
WESTER, PAUL	05/01/2019	09/30/2027		Ex Officio Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 16

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: conducting research in its own laboratories; supporting the research of non-Federal scientists in universities, medical schools, hospitals, and research institutions throughout the country and abroad; helping in the training of research investigators; and fostering communication of medical and health sciences information. Section 492 of the Public Health Service 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... The Board of Regents advises the Secretary on matters of policy in regard to NLM and its mission and services. The Board provides expert guidance on current programs and contributing to plans for new activities. It has been highly successful in providing long-range directions for the NLM and developing planning documents. The Board provides second level peer review, making recommendations for support of grants and contracts, advises on policy development, program implementation and evaluation, and identifies research needs of the NLM.

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

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

N/A

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 disease.

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

12,785

Number of Recommendations Comments

The number of recommendations includes the second level review of grant applications.

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

20%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The percentage of recommendations implemented stated above was developed at the time the Annual Comprehensive Review report was prepared. Additional information is available through the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website. RePORT provides access to reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities that advance the mission of the NIH, including information on NIH expenditures, strategic plans, reports on NIH funding, and reports on the organization and people involved in NIH research and research training. The RePORT website is located at <http://report.nih.gov>

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

Information on the research funded by NIH is available through the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website. RePORT provides access to reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities that advance the mission of the NIH, including information on NIH expenditures, strategic plans, reports on NIH funding, and reports on the organization and people involved in NIH research and research training. The RePORT website is located at <http://report.nih.gov>

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 is provided to the public at the open session of each Council meeting through reports and the Director's update. The public can view information related to the Council through the Council's official website.

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input 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

An action of "approved" or "recommended" for grants receiving review by this Board does not infer that the grant will be or has been funded. Research grant applications submitted to NIH must go through a two-step review process that includes the initial peer review for scientific and technical merit and a second step of review and approval by a National Advisory Council that includes program relevance. In addition, prior to an award or funding being made, NIH staff must conduct an administrative review for a number of other considerations. These include alignment with NIH's funding principles, review of the project budget, assessment of the applicant's management systems, determination of applicant eligibility, and compliance with public policy requirements. After all these steps have been completed, NIH officials make funding decisions on individual grant applications.

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

Yes

What is the estimated Number of grants reviewed for approval 726

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval 726

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval \$1,895,920,254

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

Access Comments

Contact the National Library of Medicine Committee Management Office.