

2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Cancer Institute

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal Year

2026

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Board of Scientific Counselors, National Cancer Institute

3b. GSA

Committee No.

86

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

09/30/1994

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 Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 284(c)(3)

13. Effective Date

11/04/1988

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. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

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. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

This committee is composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities who represent the forefront of research and technical knowledge and who provide evaluation and peer review of Institute laboratories and staff scientists in the Center for Cancer Research and the Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Board consists of up to 55 members, including Co-Chairs, appointed by the Director, NCI, from authorities knowledgeable in the fields of laboratory, clinical and biometric research; clinical cancer treatment; cancer etiology; cancer prevention and control with emphasis on training and experience in the various disciplines and fields related to scientific areas relevant to carcinogenesis; cancer biology and diagnosis; cancer center administration; medicine; radiological and surgical oncology; chemotherapy; cancer epidemiology, genetics, genomics, and related areas; cancer education; cancer information services; community outreach; biological, chemical and physical carcinogenesis; DNA repair; tumor biology and immunology; humoral and cellular immunity; hematopoiesis; cell differentiation and transformation; oncogenes and growth factors; molecular and structural biology; genetic regulation; cell signaling; viral oncology; vaccine development; transplantation; clinical trial design, management and evaluation; pharmacology; drug development and developmental therapeutics; proteomics; genetic and immunotherapies; pathology; diagnostic research and cytogenetics; biological response modifiers; imaging; nutrition; survey research; epidemiology; biostatistics; statistics; rehabilitation; psychology and behavioral medicine; public health and community oncology; quality of life; pain management; cancer detection and diagnosis; cancer treatment and restorative care; dentistry; nursing; public health; education of health professionals; medical oncology; surgery; radiotherapy; gynecologic oncology; and pediatric oncology.

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

The Board meets approximately three times each fiscal year. The Board met on November 4, 2024, and July 7-8, 2025 for the overall program review of all Laboratories and Branches. Special site visit teams met 7 times to review and evaluate the program of individual laboratories and branches and advise on budget, staffing, and program strengths and weaknesses. Site Visit Dates: 10/7-9/2024, 10/16-18/2024, 10/30 - 11/1/2024, 11/19-20/2024, 11/20/2024, 3/3/2025, 3/17-18/2025, 5/5-7/2025, 5/7-9/2025, 5/14-16/2025, 5/19-20/2025, 6/4-6/2025, 6/23/2025, 7/17/2025, and 9/15-17, 2025.

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

This Board is composed of recognized biomedical and behavioral research authorities from outside the NIH in order to secure unbiased and objective evaluations of intramural research programs. Their recommendations are invaluable because the complex nature of research in each laboratory requires a unique balance and breadth of expertise not available at NIH or from other established sources. This advice is essential for effective management of this Institute's intramural research programs.

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

The meetings of this Board were either closed or partially closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual programs and projects conducted by the Divisions including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, the competence of individual investigators, and similar items, the disclosure of

which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Section 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act permits the closing of meetings where discussions could reveal personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

21. Remarks

Committee Function: Other - Scientific and Technical Peer Review. Reports: This committee did not produce any public reports. Members Rotating Off/On-Boarding: Five members rotated-off (William M. Clemons, Daphne A. Haas-Kogan, Barbara L. Kee, Alpa V. Patel, and Lewis R. Roberts) and no new members were on-boarded. This is why the Charter states 55 potential members, but this ACR lists 26. Members: The terms for Blossom A. Damania, Welkin E. Johnson, David R. Jones, and Tanya T. Paull have changed due to administrative extensions. As such, their terms of service end dates are different than what was reported on the FY24 ACR. William M. Clemons left the committee on 3/21/2025. As such, his term of service end date is different than what was reported on the FY24 ACR. The terms for Olivier Elemento, Daphne A. Haas-Kogan, Barbara L. Kee, Linda M. Liao, Alpa V. Patel, Lewis R. Roberts, and E. John Wherry have changed due to termination. As such, their terms of service end dates are different than what was reported on the FY24 ACR. The DFO and Committee Decision Maker positions are held by the same individual because of the assignment of responsibilities within the Institute.

Designated Federal Officer

Mehrdad M. Tondravi Chief, Institute Review Office, NCI

DAMANIA, BLOSSOM	08/16/2020 01/22/2026	VICE DEAN FOR RESEARCH, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, DIRECTOR, PROGRAMS IN VIROLOGY AND GLOBAL ONCOLOGY, LINEBERGER CANCER CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL JOEL B. STEINBERG M.D. CHAIR IN PEDIATRICS, SOWELL FAMILY SCHOLAR IN MEDICAL RESEARCH, DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER HUNTSMAN CANCER INSTITUTE ENDOWED CHAIR IN CANCER RESEARCH, PROFESSOR, DIVISION OF CANCER POPULATION SCIENCES, DEPARTMENT OF POPULATION HEALTH SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
DEBERARDINIS, RALPH	02/27/2022 07/31/2026	CHAIR IN PEDIATRICS, SOWELL FAMILY SCHOLAR IN MEDICAL RESEARCH, DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER HUNTSMAN CANCER INSTITUTE ENDOWED CHAIR IN CANCER RESEARCH, PROFESSOR, DIVISION OF CANCER POPULATION SCIENCES, DEPARTMENT OF POPULATION HEALTH SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
DOHERTY, JENIFFER	04/09/2023 07/31/2027	CHAIR IN PEDIATRICS, SOWELL FAMILY SCHOLAR IN MEDICAL RESEARCH, DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER HUNTSMAN CANCER INSTITUTE ENDOWED CHAIR IN CANCER RESEARCH, PROFESSOR, DIVISION OF CANCER POPULATION SCIENCES, DEPARTMENT OF POPULATION HEALTH SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

LIAU, LINDA	07/15/2024 12/31/2025	W. EUGENE STERN PROFESSOR AND CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF NEUROSURGERY, DAVID GEFFEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
MALKIN, DAVID	02/27/2022 07/31/2026	ASSOCIATE CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL BIOPHYSICS, PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENTS OF PEDIATRICS AND MEDICAL BIOPHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO DEAN'S PROFESSOR, CHIEF, DIVISION OF	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
MIGLIORETTI, DIANA	11/21/2021 07/31/2026	OF BIOSTATISTICS, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS PROFESSOR OF PEDIATRICS, CHIEF, ADOLESCENT AND YOUNG	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
MOSCICKI, ANNA BARBARA	02/27/2022 07/31/2026	ADULT MEDICINE, DAVID GEFFEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
OLIVERA, BALDOMERO	06/21/2022 07/31/2026		Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

PARSONS, DONALD	05/19/2024	07/31/2028	Sidney L. and Donald F. Faust Chair of Pediatric Cancer Precision Medicine, Texas Children's Hospital, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine BURL G. AND LORENE L. ROGERS CHAIR IN HUMAN HEALTH, PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF MOLECULAR GENETICS AND MICROBIOLOGY, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY Burt and Marion Avery Professor of Immunology, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Stanford University School of Medicine PROFESSOR AND DIVISION LEAD, DIVISION OF EPIDEMIOLOGY, BIostatistics, AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
PAULL, TANYA	12/17/2020	01/22/2026		
RAPHAEL, BENJAMIN	07/31/2023	07/31/2027		
SARNOW, PETER	03/24/2024	07/31/2028		
STRICKLAND, MATTHEW	04/11/2022	07/31/2026		

			HEAD AND ALAN N. HOUGHTON CHAIR, DIVISION OF HEMATOLOGIC ONCOLOGY, MEMORIAL SLOAN	Special Government
VAN DEN BRINK, MARCEL	06/21/2022	07/31/2026	KETTERING CANCER CENTER, PROFESSOR IN IMMUNOLOGY AND MEDICINE, WEILL CORNELL MEDICAL COLLEGE Barbara and Richard Schiffrin President's Distinguished Professor, Chair, Department of	Employee (SGE) Member
WHERRY, E.	01/26/2025	12/31/2025	Systems Pharmacology and Translational Therapeutics, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania Chair and Professor, Department of	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
ZÚÑIGA-PFLÜCKER, JUAN	04/07/2024	07/31/2028	Immunology, Sunnybrook Research Institute, University of Toronto	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 26

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. Section 402(b)(9) of the Public Health Service Act states that "the Director, NIH...shall assure that research at...the National Institutes of Health is subject to review in accordance with section 492." Section 492(b) states that the

“Director of NIH shall establish procedures for periodic technical and scientific peer review of research at the National Institutes of Health. The mission of the Board of Scientific Counselors is to assess the quality of the Institute’s intramural research programs and to evaluate the productivity and performance of intramural scientists and shall also, as requested by the Director, NIH, undertake peer review of extramural funding applications as required by section 492 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended.”

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

Checked if
Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000



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?

780

Number of Recommendations Comments

All the Laboratories/Branches reviewed in this fiscal year were either continued, expanded or closed. Continued means that there is not a change in scientific priorities or a decrease in the resources allocated to the laboratory/branch. Expanded means that the scientific priorities may be/are increased and thus an increase in resources are allocated to the laboratory/branch. Closed means that the scientific priorities are ended and the resources allocated to the laboratory/branch are decreased, i.e., towards closing the laboratory/branch.

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

90%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The percentage of recommendations implemented as 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?

10%

% 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 Board of Scientific Counselors meetings is subject to the Freedom of Information Act. The public can view information on NIH Intramural Research Reports found on the NIH Intramural Research Sourcebook website located at <https://oir.nih.gov/sourcebook/intramural-research-communications-resources/annual-reports-bit>

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 type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

The Scientific Director and other NIH/NCI officials use the recommendations made by the BSC in evaluating the quality of the intramural research programs including scientific priorities and resources available. As a result, all the Laboratories/Branches reviewed in this fiscal year were either continued, expanded or closed.

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

No

Grant Review Comments

Although grant reviews are included in the duties of this Board, there were no grant reviews performed during this fiscal year.

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

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

Contact the Designated Federal Officer.