

**CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION****Sunshine Act Meeting Notice**

**AGENCY:** United States Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Notice of Commission public business meeting.

**DATES:** Friday, March 16, 2018, 10:00 a.m. EST.

**ADDRESSES:** *Place:* National Place Building, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20245 (Entrance on F Street NW).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian Walch, phone: (202) 376-8371; TTY: (202) 376-8116; email: [publicaffairs@usccr.gov](mailto:publicaffairs@usccr.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This business meeting is open to the public. There will also be a call-in line for individuals who desire to listen to the presentations: (877) 857-6177; Conference ID 979-8957.

Persons with disabilities who need accommodation should contact Pamela Dunston at (202) 376-8105 or at [access@usccr.gov](mailto:access@usccr.gov) at least seven (7) business days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

**Meeting Agenda****I. Approval of Agenda****II. Business Meeting**

- A. Presentation from Maine Advisory Committee member Rachel Talbot Ross on the Committee's Advisory Memorandum on Racial Discrimination in Criminal Prosecution and Sentencing in Maine
- B. Presentation from Maryland Advisory Committee Chair Tom Mackall on the Committee's Advisory Memorandum on Fees and Fines and Bail Reform in Maryland
- C. Presentation from Illinois Advisory Committee Chair Juan Carlos Linares on the Committee's report Civil Rights and Voting in Illinois
- D. Discussion and Vote on Timeline, Discovery Plan, and Outline for Commission project, "In the Name of Hate: Examining the Federal Government's Role in Preventing Hate Crimes"
- E. Management and Operations
  - Staff Director's Report
- F. Commemoration of Women's History Month
  - Page Harrington, Historian and Preservationist
  - Fatima Goss Graves, President and CEO, National Women's Law Center

**III. Adjourn Meeting**

Dated: March 7, 2018.

**Brian Walch,**

*Director, Communications and Public Engagement.*

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**COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS****Notice of Public Meetings of the Kansas Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Kansas Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a meeting on Thursday, March 22, 2018 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Central time. The Committee will hear testimony from state legislators as part of their current study on civil rights and school funding.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place on Thursday, March 22, 2018 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Central time.

*Public Call Information:* (audio only) Dial: 877-340-7912, Conference ID: 6019760.

*Web Access Information:* (visual only): <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/tljh8wkwil3f&eom>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melissa Wojnaroski, DFO, at [mwojnaroski@usccr.gov](mailto:mwojnaroski@usccr.gov) or 312-353-8311.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Members of the public can listen to the discussion. This meeting is available to the public through the above listed toll free number (audio only) and web access link (visual only). Please use both the call in number and the web access link in order to fully access the meeting.

An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. The conference call operator will ask callers to identify themselves, the organization they are affiliated with (if any), and an email address prior to placing callers into the conference room. Callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also

follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number.

Members of the public are also entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Regional Programs Unit, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 55 W. Monroe St., Suite 410, Chicago, IL 60615. They may also be faxed to the Commission at (312) 353-8324, or emailed to Corrine Sanders at [csanders@usccr.gov](mailto:csanders@usccr.gov). Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Unit at (312) 353-8311.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meeting will be available via [www.facadatabase.gov](http://www.facadatabase.gov) under the Commission on Civil Rights, Kansas Advisory Committee link (<http://www.facadatabase.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=249>). Click on "meeting details" and then "documents" to download. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Unit at the above email or street address.

**Agenda**

Welcome and Introduction  
Panel Testimony: Civil Rights and School Funding in Kansas  
Public Comment  
Adjournment

Dated: March 5, 2018.

**David Mussatt,**

*Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Office of the Secretary****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Research Performance Progress Report**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to

take this opportunity to comment on a proposed extension of an existing information collection: The standardized Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before May 8, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [PRAComments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAComments@doc.gov).

Include "0690-0032 comment" in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Jennifer Jessup, Departmental PRA Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to the Office of Policy and Governance, Paperwork Reduction Act Compliance, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, or via email to [PRAComments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAComments@doc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The development of the Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) resulted from an initiative of the Research Business Models (RBM), an Interagency Working Group of the Social, Behavioral & Economic Research, Subcommittee of the Committee on Science (CoS), a committee of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC). One of the RBM Subcommittee's priority areas was to create greater consistency in the administration of Federal research awards. Given the increasing complexity of interdisciplinary and interagency research, it is important for Federal agencies to manage awards in a similar fashion. The RPPR is an OMB approved uniform format to be used by Federal agencies in submission of progress reports that support research and research-related activities. It is intended to replace other performance reporting formats currently in use by Federal agencies. However, the RPPR does not change the performance reporting requirements specified in 2 CFR 200.

The Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) directly benefits award recipients by making it easier for them to administer Federal grant and cooperative agreement programs through standardization of the types of information required in performance reports—thereby reducing their administrative effort and costs. The RPPR also will make it easier to compare the outputs, outcomes, etc. of research and research-related programs across the government.

The RPPR is intended to address progress for the most recently completed period, at the frequency required or designated by the sponsoring agency. Information, once reported, does not have to be provided again on subsequent reports. The RPPR requests various types of information, regarding: accomplishments, products, participants and other collaborating organizations, impact, changes/problems, budgetary information and outcomes.

**II. Method of Collection**

A paper format, email, and electronic submission.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0690-0032.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission (extension of a currently approved information collection).

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government; Federal government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,550.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 5 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 12,750.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0. (This is not the cost of respondents' time, but the indirect costs respondents may incur for such things as purchases of specialized software or hardware needed to report, or expenditures for accounting or records maintenance services required specifically by the collection.)

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* The Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-107), and 2 CFR Section 200.328.

**IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Departmental Lead PRA Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Economic Development Administration**

**Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance**

**AGENCY:** Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice and opportunity for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. Accordingly, EDA has initiated investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each of the firms contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firms' workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**