DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Economics and Statistics Administration

Notice of Establishment of American Workforce Policy Advisory Board; Solicitation of Nominations for Membership on Advisory Board

AGENCY: Economics and Statistics Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; solicitation of nominations.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce announces the establishment of the American Workforce Policy Advisory Board, pursuant to Executive Order 13845. Establishing the President’s National Council for the American Worker, (E.O. 13845 or executive order), and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The Board will provide advice and recommendations to the National Council for the American Worker (Council) on ways to encourage the private sector and educational institutions to combat the skills crisis by investing in and increasing demand-driven education, training, and re-training, including training through apprenticeships and work-based learning opportunities. The Secretary of Commerce is also requesting nominations for membership to the Board. The President, with input from the Secretary of Commerce and Advisor to the President overseeing the Office of Economic Initiatives (as co-chairs of the Board), will consider nominations received in response to this notice.

DATES: The Department of Commerce must receive nominations for members by midnight on October 1, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit nominations to AmericanWorkforcePolicyAdvisoryBoard@doc.gov.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Grant Gardner, Office of Business Liaison, Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230. 

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Minnesota 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 (FACA) that a meeting of the Minnesota Advisory Committee (Committee) to the Commission will be held at 12 p.m. CDT Thursday August 30, 2018 to discuss civil rights concerns in the State.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday August 30, 2018, at 12 p.m. CDT.


For More Information Contact: Carolyn Allen at callen@usccr.gov or (312) 353–8311.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is available to the public through the above toll-free call-in number. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and 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 entitled to make comments during the open period at the end of the meeting. Members of the public may also submit written comments; the comments must be received in the Regional Programs Unit within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Regional Programs Unit, 230 S Dearborn, Suite 2120, Chicago, IL 60604. They may be faxed to the Commission at (312) 353–8324, or emailed Carolyn Allen at callen@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Unit at (312) 353–8311.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing prior to and after the meeting at https://facadatabase.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=256. Please click on the “Meeting Details” and “Documents” links to download. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Unit, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. 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
I. Welcome
II. Approval of Minutes
III. Discussion:
   a. Op-Ed Draft: Policing in Minnesota
   b. Civil Rights Topics
IV. Public Comment
V. Next Steps
VI. Adjournment

Exceptional Circumstance: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.150, the notice for this meeting is given less than 15 calendar days prior to the meeting because of the exceptional circumstance of this Committee discussing publication of an op-ed regarding policing, in conjunction with the recent release of their report on the topic.

Dated: August 24, 2018.

David Mussatt,
Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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I. The American Workforce Policy Advisory Board

Our nation is facing a skills crisis. There are currently 6.7 million unfilled jobs in the United States, and American workers need the skills training to fill them. At the same time, the economy is changing at a rapid pace because of the technology, automation, and artificial intelligence that is shaping many industries, from manufacturing to healthcare to retail. For too long, our country’s education and job training programs have prepared Americans for the economy of the past.

The rapidly changing digital economy requires the United States to view education and training as encompassing more than a single period of time in a traditional classroom. We need to prepare Americans for the 21st century economy and the emerging industries of the future. We must foster an environment of lifelong learning and skills-based training and cultivate a demand-driven approach to workforce development.

To address the skills crisis, the President issued E.O. 13845 to establish the National Council for the American Worker (Council). The executive order directs the Council to champion effective, results-driven education and training so that American students and workers can obtain the skills they need to succeed in the jobs of today and of the future. This notice announces the establishment of the American Workforce Policy Advisory Board (Board), pursuant to E.O. 13845 and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), to support the Council.

The Board will provide advice and recommendations to the Council on the workforce policy of the United States. One of the Board’s activities will be to recommend steps to encourage the private sector and educational institutions to combat the skills crisis by investing in and increasing demand-driven workforce development, education, training, and re-training, for example through apprenticeships and work-based learning opportunities.

Unless otherwise extended, the Board will terminate July 19, 2020, two years after the date of the Executive Order. Insofar as the FACA may apply to the Board, the Secretary of Commerce will perform any functions of the President under that act, except for those in section 14 of FACA, and will do so in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Administrator of General Services. The Department of Commerce shall provide the Board with funding and administrative support as may be necessary for the performance of the Board’s functions.

The Board will be made up of two co-chairs—the Secretary of Commerce and the Advisor to the President overseeing the Office of Economic Initiatives—and up to 25 members appointed by the President from among citizens outside the Federal government. Members chosen will be representatives of the various sectors of the economy, including the private sector, employers, educational institutions, and State governments, to offer diverse perspectives on how the Federal Government can improve workforce development through education, training, and re-training for American workers. The Board members appointed by the President could include business leaders; administrators and educators of K–12 schools, community colleges, and universities; State, tribal, and local government officials; heads of organized labor; and leaders from the nonprofit sector. The President will make reasonable efforts to ensure members represent a diverse spectrum of these sectors.

All members appointed by the President will be representative members and serve at the pleasure of the President. The membership balance may adjust depending on the needs of the President, Secretary, and the work of the Council.

II. Description of Board Member Duties

The Board will advise the Council in the Council’s efforts to work with private employers, educational institutions, labor unions, other non-profit organizations, and State, territorial, tribal, and local governments to update and reshape our education and job training landscape so that it better meets the needs of American students, workers, and businesses. Members must be able to actively participate in the tasks of the Board, including, but not limited to regularly attending and participating in meetings, reviewing materials, and participating in conference calls, working groups, and formal subcommittees. The Board may advise the Council in any of its efforts, so the President will consider nominees who can best support, in an advisory capacity, any of the following Council functions:

- Devising a national strategy for empowering American workers on how the Federal government can work with non-Federal stakeholders to create and promote workforce development strategies that provide evidence-based, affordable education and skills-based training for youth and adults to prepare them for the jobs of today and of the future;
- fostering close coordination, cooperation, and information exchange within the Federal government and between the government and non-Federal stakeholders as related to issues concerning the education and training of Americans, including through the use of online learning resources;
- increasing transparency related to education and job-training program options, including those options offered at 4-year institutions and community colleges;
- proposing ways to increase access to available job data, including data on industries and geographic locations with the greatest numbers of open jobs and projected future opportunities, as well as data on the underlying skills required to fill open jobs;
- developing a national campaign to raise awareness of relevant matters, such as the urgency of the skills crisis; the importance of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education; the creation of new industries and job opportunities spurred by emerging technologies; the changing nature of many careers in the trades and manufacturing; and the need for companies to invest in the training and re-training of their workers;
- developing a plan for recognizing companies that demonstrate excellence in workplace education, training, and re-training policies and investments, in order to galvanize industries to identify and adopt best practices, innovate their workplace policies, and invest in their workforces; and
- examining how the Federal government can work with non-Federal stakeholders to support the implementation of recommendations from the Task Force on Apprenticeship Expansion established in Executive Order 13801 of June 15, 2017 (Expanding Apprenticeships in America).

III. Structure of Advisory Board

As stated above, the Secretary and the Advisor to the President overseeing the Office of Economic Initiatives will serve as co-chairs. In addition to the co-chairs, the Board shall consist of up to 25 members. The President will appoint members and they will serve at the pleasure of the President. The Secretary will provide the President with a list of potential nominees for final consideration of Board membership. Potential nominees would represent a cross-section of the private sector, non-profit, employers, educational
institutions, and States. The Secretary’s list will ensure balance and a diversity of perspectives. The Secretary’s nominees will be prominent in their fields, recognized for their professional and other relevant achievements.

As necessary, the Board may establish, with the consent or at the direction of the Office of the Under Secretary of Economic Affairs and the Office of the Secretary, such subcommittees as it considers necessary for the performance of its functions. All subcommittees must report back to the full Board, members and subcommittees must not provide advice or work products directly to any Federal agency or official.

Appointed Board members will serve for a term of up to two years (the balance of the initial term of the Board). If the term of the Board is extended, members shall be eligible for reappointment, and may continue to serve after the expiration of their terms until the appointment of a successor. When vacancies occur, the Secretary will identify for appointment nominees who can best either replicate the perspective of the departing member or provide the Board with a new, identified needed perspective.

IV. Compensation for Members of the Advisory Board

Members of the Board shall serve without any compensation for their work on the Board. Members of the Board, while engaged in the work of the Board, will, upon request, be reimbursed for travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, to the extent permitted by law for persons serving intermittently in government service (5 U.S.C. 5701–5707), consistent with the availability of funds.

V. Solicitation of Nominations

The Secretary will consider nominations of all qualified individuals to ensure that the Board includes the areas of experience noted above. Individuals may nominate themselves or other individuals, and professional associations and organizations may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership on the Board. Nominations shall state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member and carry out the duties of the Board.

A nomination package should include the following information for each nominee: (1) A letter of nomination stating the name, affiliation, and contact information for the nominee, the basis for the nomination (i.e., what specific attributes recommend him/her for service in this capacity), and the nominee’s field(s) of experience; (2) a biographical sketch of the nominee and a copy of his/her curriculum vitae; and (3) the name, return address, email address, and daytime telephone number at which the nominator can be contacted.

The President and the Secretary encourage nominations for appropriately qualified female, minority, or disabled candidates. The President and the Secretary also encourage geographic diversity in the composition of the Board. All nomination information should be provided in a single, complete package by midnight on October 1, 2018. Interested applicants should send their nomination package to American WorkforcePolicyAdvisoryBoard@doc.gov.


Jeremy Pelter,
Chief Financial Officer and Director of Administration for the Economics and Statistics Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee (RPTAC) will meet September 25, 2018, 9:00 a.m., Room 3884, in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues NW, Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on implementation of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and provides for continuing review to update the EAR as needed.

Agenda

Public Session

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman
2. Opening remarks by the Bureau of Industry and Security
3. Presentation of papers or comments by the Public
4. Export Enforcement update
5. Regulations update
6. Working group reports
7. Automated Export System update

Closed Session

8. Discussion of matters determined to be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3).

The open session will be accessible via teleconference to 25 participants on a first come, first serve basis. To join the conference, submit inquiries to Ms. Joanna Lewis at Joanna.Lewis@bis.doc.gov no later than September 18, 2018.

A limited number of seats will be available for the public session. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate the distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials prior to the meeting to Ms. Lewis via email.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on March 23, 2018, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. app. 2 § 10(d)), that the portion of the meeting dealing with pre-decisional changes to the Commerce Control List and the U.S. export control policies shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3). The remaining portions of the meeting will be open to the public. For more information, call Joanna Lewis at (202) 482–6440.

Joanna Lewis,
Committee Liaison Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings From the People’s Republic of China: Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony With the People’s Republic of China: Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony With Final Scope Ruling and Notice of Amended Final Scope Ruling Pursuant to Court Decision

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is notifying the public that the Court of International Trade’s (CIT or the Court) final judgment in this case is not in harmony with Commerce’s final scope ruling and is, therefore, finding that certain cast iron electrical