Authority: Public Law 115–55; 38 U.S.C. 5104B, 5108, 5701, 5901, 7103, 7104, 7105, 7107.

Title: Decision Review Request: Board Appeal (Notice of Disagreement) and Appeal to the Board of Veterans' Appeals, VA Form 10182 and VA Form 9

OMB Control Number: 2900–0674.

Type of Review: Reinstatement with Change of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Appellate review of the denial of VA benefits may only be initiated by filing a Notice of Disagreement with the Board. 38 U.S.C. § 7105(a). The VA Form 9, ''Appeal to Board of Veterans' Appeals,'' is required to complete a legacy appeal to the Board. The completed form becomes the ''substantive appeal'' (or ''formal appeal''), which is required by 38 U.S.C. §§ 7105(a) and (d)(3) in order to complete an appeal to the Board. Additionally, the proposed information collections allow for withdrawal of services by a representative, requests for changes in hearing dates and methods under 38 U.S.C. § 7107, and motions for reconsideration pursuant to 38 U.S.C. § 7103(a). The Board is requesting to revise the currently approved OMB Control No. 2900–0674, adding four information collections previously approved under OMB Control No. 2900–0085, and one new information collection. Revised Control No. 2900–0674 would contain all appeals-related information collections for the legacy and new systems. 2900–0085 will be discontinued upon approval of this request to renew 2900–0674.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 83 No. 164 on Thursday, August 23, 2018, pages 42769 and 42770.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 114,877.78 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 40.83 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 168,800.

- VA Form 10182: Notice of Disagreement (new) = 40,000.
- Nonstandard Form: Notice of Disagreement (legacy) = 60,000.
- VA Form 9: Appeal to the Board of Veterans' Appeals (legacy) = 64,500.
- Nonstandard Form: Withdrawal of Services by a Representative = 500.
- Nonstandard Form: Requests for Changes in Hearing Dates or Methods = 2,800.
- Nonstandard Form: Motions for Reconsideration =1000.

By direction of the Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the subcommittees of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the dates indicated below:

Subcommittee	Date(s)	Location
Center and Research Enhancement Award Program	January 17, 2019	Crystal City Marriott.
Chronic Medical Conditions and Aging	February 26, 2019	20 F Conference Center.
Sensory Systems & Communication Disorders	February 26, 2019	20 F Conference Center.
Career Development Program	February 26–27, 2019	20 F Conference Center.
Rehabilitation Engineering & Prosthetics/Orthotics	February 27, 2019	20 F Conference Center.
Spinal Cord Injury/Disorders & Neuropathic Pain	February 27, 2019	20 F Conference Center.
Musculoskeletal Health & Function	February 27–28, 2019	20 F Conference Center.
Behavioral Health & Social Reintegration	February 28, 2019	20 F Conference Center.
Regenerative Rehabilitation	February 28, 2019	20 F Conference Center.
Brain Health and Injury	February 28–March 1, 2019	20 F Conference Center.

The address of the meetings sites are:

20 F Conference Center, 20 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20001.

Crystal City Marriott at Reagan National Airport, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

The purpose of the Board is to review rehabilitation research and development applications and advise the Director, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, and the Chief Research and Development Officer on the scientific and technical merit, the mission relevance, and the protection of human and animal subjects.

The subcommittee meetings will be open to the public for approximately one-half hour at the start of each meeting to cover administrative matters and to discuss the general status of the program. Members of the public who wish to attend the open portion of the teleconference sessions may dial 1 (800) 767–1750, participant code 35847. The remaining portion of each subcommittee meeting will be closed to the public for the discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of the research applications and critiques. During the closed portion of each subcommittee meeting, discussion and recommendations will include qualifications of the personnel conducting the studies (the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy), as well as research information (the premature disclosure of which would likely compromise significantly the implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects). As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92–463, as amended by Public Law 94–409, closing the meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

No oral or written comments will be accepted from the public for either portion of the meetings. Those who plan to attend (by phone or in person) the open portion of a subcommittee meeting must contact Tiffany Asqueri, Designated Federal Officer, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, at Department of Veterans Affairs (10P9R), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, or email *Tiffany.Asqueri@va.gov,* at least five days before the meeting. For further information, please call Mrs. Asqueri at (202) 443–5757.

Dated: November 8, 2018.

LaTonya L. Small,

Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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