

allowed for use in the first cohort at 3, 5, and 7–8 weeks of age time points. A combination of midazolam and ketamine could have been used on 7–8-week-old pups, if deemed necessary. Metabolic and morphometric measurements were to be conducted on a second, separate cohort of five pups at each of the four time points. Sedation of seal pups in the second cohort, with a combination of midazolam and butorphanol, was only allowed for study animals at 3 weeks of age for the purposes of attaching an accelerometer tag. The permit holder was also allowed to conduct behavioral observations, imaging, and may disturb up to 350 Weddell seals. An additional seven Weddell seal pups, 15 Weddell seal adult females, and 20 crabeater seals were allowed to be disturbed during procedures on study animals. Up to two pup mortalities were requested per year, not to exceed three over the course of two field seasons. The permit holder was also allowed to collect tissues from Weddell seals (any age or gender) found dead from natural causes.

Now the applicant proposes a modification to the permit to allow the following: Sedation of all seal pups at all time points using midazolam with or without butorphanol (and continue to have the option of using midazolam in combination with ketamine at 7–8 weeks of age); collection of blood samples from seal pups in the second cohort, at all four time points, while the pups are under sedation; use of a cannulated biopsy needle for muscle tissue sampling of seal pups in the first cohort (rather than a dermal biopsy punch), at all four time points; attachment of a flipper-mounted VHF transmitter tag to seal pups in both cohorts at 3 weeks of age, on the flipper opposite the one with the time/depth tag attached, with removal at the final time point; attachment of accelerometer tags to the dorsal pelage of 1-week-old pups in both cohorts with removal of the tags at 3 weeks of age; administration of antibiotics to treat local or systemic infections in seal pups involved in the study; collection of rectal, vaginal, prepuccial, nasal, lingual, buccal swab, as well as superficial lingual epithelial scrapes of all pups at all times points; and increased takes of seal pups and adult females such that a total of 12 pups would be handled for study purposes compared with 10 in the original permit (six pups in each cohort compared with five in the original permit) and a total of 12 adult females, the mothers of the pups, would be disturbed during the handling of the pups (10 in the original permit). The

permit holder has also requested a modification of NMFS Permit No. 21006.

Location: Erebus Bay, McMurdo Sound; ASPA 121, Cape Royds.

Dates of Permitted Activities: October 1, 2019–September 30, 2020.

Erika N. Davis,

Program Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

Name and Committee Code: Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering (CEOSE) Advisory Committee Meeting (#1173).

Date and Time: October 17, 2019 1:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m. October 18, 2019 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation (NSF), 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314.

To help facilitate your entry into the building, please contact Una Alford (ualford@nsf.gov or 703–292–7111) on or prior to October 15, 2019.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Bernice Anderson, Senior Advisor and CEOSE Executive Secretary, Office of Integrative Activities (OIA), National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314. Contact Information: 703–292–8040/banderso@nsf.gov.

Minutes: Meeting minutes and other information may be obtained from the CEOSE Executive Secretary at the above address or the website at <http://www.nsf.gov/od/oia/activities/ceose/index.jsp>.

Purpose of Meeting: To study data, programs, policies, and other information pertinent to the National Science Foundation and to provide advice and recommendations concerning broadening participation in science and engineering.

Agenda:

- Opening Statement and Chair Report by the CEOSE Chair
- NSF Executive Liaison Report
- Video Briefing: NSF INCLUDES Alliances
- Presentation: Leveraging Broadening Participation to Advance Research Impacts in Society

- Panel: Deans' Leadership Roundtable
- Discussion: Topics for Discussion with NSF Leadership
- Panel: Large-Scale Investments for the Advancement of Persons with Disabilities in STEM
- Meeting with NSF Chief Operating Officer
- Reports and Updates from the CEOSE Liaisons and the Federal Liaisons
- Panel: Supporting Persons with Disabilities in STEM Disciplines
- Discussion: Plans for the 2019–2020 Report and Future Directions

Dated: September 11, 2019.

Crystal Robinson,

Committee Management Officer.

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NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meetings: Audit Committee Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 1:00 p.m., Friday, September 20, 2019.

PLACE: NeighborWorks America—Gramlich Boardroom, 999 North Capitol Street NE, Washington DC 20002.

STATUS: Open (with the exception of Executive Session).

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Consistent with the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(e), NeighborWorks America has submitted for publication in the **Federal Register** this notice of the Audit Committee Meeting that occurred on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. The Audit Committee determined by a recorded vote that business required that such meeting be called at such date, and made public announcement of the time, place, and subject matter of such meeting at the earliest practicable time.

The General Counsel of the Corporation has certified that in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(2) and (4) permit closure of the following portion(s) of this meeting:

- Internal Audit Report

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Executive Session
- III. Auditor Rotation Policy
- IV. Internal Audit Reports With Management's Response
- V. Internal Audit Status Reports
- VI. Adjournment

PORTIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Call to Order; Auditor Rotation Policy; Internal Audit Reports with Management's Response; Internal Audit Status Reports; and Adjournment.