

The following paragraph applies to all the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained if their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Desired Focus of Comments: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the

proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, by permitting electronic submissions of responses.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board, AMENDED Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Federal Advisory Committee Act that the subcommittees of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board (JBL/CS SMRB) will be held on the dates below from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (unless otherwise listed) at the 20 F Conference Center, 20 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20001, the Phoenix Park Hotel, 520 North Capital Street NW, Washington, DC 20001, and at the Office of Research and Development, 1100 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20002:

Meeting	Date(s)
BL/CS R&D Surgery Subcommittee	November 12, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Pulmonary Medicine Subcommittee	November 13, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Infectious Diseases-B Subcommittee	November 14, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Oncology-A/D Subcommittee	November 14, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Hematology Subcommittee	November 15, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Oncology-C Subcommittee	November 15, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Cellular & Molecular Medicine Subcommittee	November 18, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Oncology-B/E Subcommittee	November 18, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Mental Health & Behavioral Sciences-P	November 19, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Immunology & Dermatology-A Subcommittee	November 20, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Mental Health & Behavioral Sciences-C Subcommittee	November 20, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Cardiovascular Studies-A Subcommittee	November 21, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Endocrinology-A Subcommittee	November 21, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Neurobiology-C Subcommittee	November 21, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Neurobiology-E Subcommittee	November 22, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Endocrinology-B Subcommittee	November 25, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Mental Health & Behavioral Sciences-A Subcommittee	December 3, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Nephrology Subcommittee	December 3, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Neurobiology-B Subcommittee	December 3, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Infectious Diseases-A Subcommittee	December 4, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Neurobiology-F Subcommittee	December 4, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Cardiovascular Studies-B Subcommittee	December 5, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Gastroenterology Subcommittee	December 5, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Neurobiology-P Subcommittee	December 5, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Neurobiology-R Subcommittee	December 5, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Neurobiology-A Subcommittee	December 6, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Neurobiology-D Subcommittee	December 6, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Gulf War Research Subcommittee	December 6, 2019.
BL/CS R&D VA Psychiatrist Development Award Subcommittee	January 8, 2019.
Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board.	January 8, 2019.
BL/CS R&D Eligibility Subcommittee	January 17, 2020.

The purpose of the subcommittees is to provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit review evaluation. Proposals

submitted for review include various medical specialties within the general areas of biomedical, behavioral and clinical science research.

The subcommittee meetings will be closed to the public for the review,

discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal research proposals. However, the JBL/CS SMRB teleconference meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public who wish to attend the open JBL/CS SMRB

teleconference may dial 1–800–767–1750, participant code 50064#. Members of the public who wish to make a statement at the JBL/CS SMRB meeting must notify Dr. Holly Krull via email at holly.krull@va.gov by January 6, 2019.

These subcommittee meetings will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal research proposals, which involve reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. Discussions will deal with scientific merit of each proposal and qualifications of personnel conducting

the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Additionally, premature disclosure of research information could significantly obstruct implementation of proposed agency action regarding the research proposals. As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92–463, as amended by Public Law 94–409, closing the subcommittee meetings is in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

Those who would like to obtain a copy of the minutes from the closed subcommittee meetings and rosters of

the subcommittee members should contact Holly Krull, Ph.D., Manager, Merit Review Program (10X2B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 632–8522 or email at holly.krull@va.gov.

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