

were a condition precedent to the authority to grant degrees and should not have been omitted.

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2023—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 118-31 struck out “or in the equivalent grade in the Regular Space Force” after “Regular Air Force” and inserted before period at end “or a second lieutenant in the Space Force under section 531 or 20201 of this title”.

2021—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-283 inserted “or in the equivalent grade in the Regular Space Force” after “Regular Air Force”.

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 9353 of this title as this section.

1997—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-85 substituted “The” for “After the date of the accrediting of the Academy, the”.

1980—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-513 inserted “under section 531 of this title” after “Regular Air Force”.

1958—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 85-861, §33(a)(43), permitted conferring of degrees only after date of accrediting of Academy.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 85-861, §1(201), struck out “except section 541 of this title” after “provision of law”.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-513 effective Sept. 15, 1981, see section 701 of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1958 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 33(a)(43) of Pub. L. 85-861 effective Aug. 10, 1956, see section 33(g) of Pub. L. 85-861, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

#### § 9454. Buildings and grounds: buildings for religious worship

The Secretary of the Air Force may authorize any denomination, sect, or religious body to erect a building for religious worship at the Air Force Academy, if its erection will not interfere with the use of the reservation for military purposes and will be without expense to the United States. Such a building shall be removed, or its location changed, without compensation for it and without expense to the United States, by the denomination, sect, or religious body that erected it, whenever in the opinion of the Secretary public or military necessity so requires.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 567, §9354; renumbered §9454, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(a)(3), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1832.)

##### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
9354 .....	10:1126.	July 8, 1898, ch. 636, 30 Stat. 722.

The words “in his discretion” and “Government of” are omitted as surplusage. The words “United States” are substituted for the word “Government”.

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 9354 of this title as this section.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

#### § 9455. Board of Visitors

(a) A Board of Visitors to the Academy is constituted annually of—

(1) the chair of the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate, or the designee of such chair;

(2) the ranking member of the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate, or the designee of the ranking member;

(3) two other members of the Senate designated by the Majority Leader of the Senate, one of whom is a member of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

(4) two other members of the Senate designated by the Minority Leader of the Senate, one of whom is a member of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

(5) the chair of the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, or the designee of such chair;

(6) the ranking member of the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, or the designee of the ranking member;

(7) two other members of the House of Representatives designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom is a member of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;

(8) one other member of the House of Representatives designated by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and

(9) six persons designated by the President.

(b)(1) The persons designated by the President serve for three years each except that any member whose term of office has expired shall continue to serve until his successor is designated by the President. The President shall designate persons each year to succeed the members designated by the President whose terms expire that year.

(2) At least two of the members designated by the President shall be graduates of the Academy.

(c)(1) If a member of the Board dies or resigns or is terminated as a member of the Board under paragraph (2), a successor shall be designated for the unexpired portion of the term by the official who designated the member.

(2)(A) If a member of the Board fails to attend two successive Board meetings, except in a case in which an absence is approved in advance, for good cause, by the Board chairman, such failure shall be grounds for termination from membership on the Board. A person designated for membership on the Board shall be provided notice of the provisions of this paragraph at the time of such designation.

(B) Termination of membership on the Board under subparagraph (A)—

(i) in the case of a member of the Board who is not a member of Congress, may be made by the Board chairman; and

(ii) in the case of a member of the Board who is a member of Congress, may be made only by the official who designated the member.

(C) When a member of the Board is subject to termination from membership on the Board under subparagraph (A), the Board chairman shall notify the official who designated the member. Upon receipt of such a notification with respect to a member of the Board who is a member of Congress, the official who designated the member shall take such action as that official considers appropriate.

(d) The Board shall visit the Academy annually. With the approval of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Board or its members may make other visits to the Academy in connection with the duties of the Board or to consult with the Superintendent of the Academy. Board members shall have access to the Academy grounds and the cadets, faculty, staff, and other personnel of the Academy for the purposes of the duties of the Board.

(e)(1) The Board shall inquire into the morale, discipline, and social climate, the curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods, and other matters relating to the Academy that the Board decides to consider.

(2) The Secretary of the Air Force and the Superintendent of the Academy shall provide the Board candid and complete disclosure, consistent with applicable laws concerning disclosure of information, with respect to institutional problems.

(3) The Board shall recommend appropriate action.

(f) The Board shall prepare a semiannual report containing its views and recommendations pertaining to the Academy, based on its meeting since the last such report and any other considerations it determines relevant. Each such report shall be submitted concurrently to the Secretary of Defense, through the Secretary of the Air Force, and to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

(g) Upon approval by the Secretary, the Board may call in advisers for consultation.

(h) While performing duties as a member of the Board, each member of the Board and each adviser shall be reimbursed under Government travel regulations for travel expenses.

(i)(1) A majority of the members of the Board may call an official meeting of the Board once per year.

(2) A member may attend such meeting—

(A) in person, at the Academy; or

(B) remotely, at the election of such member.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 567, § 9355; Pub. L. 96-579, § 13(c), Dec. 23, 1980, 94 Stat. 3369; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title X, § 1061(e)(2), title XV, § 1502(a)(12), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 443, 503; Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title X, § 1067(1), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 774; Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title V, § 543,

Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1904; Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title X, § 1071(a)(39), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2400; renumbered § 9455 and amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title V, § 593, title VIII, § 806(a)(3), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1789, 1832; Pub. L. 117-81, div. A, title V, §§ 554(c), 555(c), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 1738, 1739; Pub. L. 118-159, div. A, title V, § 558(c), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 1899.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
9355(a) ....	10:1055.	June 29, 1948, ch. 714, §§1-6, 62 Stat. 1094;
	10:1056 (1st sentence).	June 30, 1954, ch. 432, § 732, 68 Stat. 356.
9355(b) ....	10:1056 (less 1st sentence).	
9355(c) ....	10:1057.	
9355(d) ....	10:1058.	
9355(e) ....	10:1059(a).	
9355(f) ....	10:1059(b).	
9355(g) ....	10:1059(c).	
9355(h) ....	10:1060.	

In subsections (a) and (b), the word “designated” is substituted for the word “appointed” to make it clear that the positions described are not constitutional offices.

Subsection (b) is substituted for 10:1056(e) (less 1st sentence).

In subsection (c), the words “during the term for which such member was appointed” and “Such successor shall be appointed \* \* \* who died or resigned” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (g), the words “as it may deem necessary or advisable to effectuate the duties imposed upon it by the provisions of sections 1055-1060 of this title” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (h), the words “called for consultation by the Board in connection with the business of the Board” are omitted as surplusage.

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2024—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 118-159, § 558(c)(1), added subsec. (a) and struck out former subsec. (a) which set out 5 categories of members of the Board of Visitors to the Academy, as constituted annually.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 118-159, § 558(c)(2), which directed insertion of “and the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives” after “the President” both places it appeared, could not be executed because “the President” no longer appeared in subsec. (f) after the general amendment of this section by Pub. L. 108-375, § 543.

2021—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 117-81, § 554(c), substituted “is designated by the President” for “is designated”.

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 117-81, § 555(c), added subsec. (i).

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, § 806(a)(3), renumbered section 9355 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 115-232, § 593, added subsec. (d) and struck out former subsec. (d) which read as follows: “The Board should meet at least four times a year, with at least two of those meetings at the Academy. The Board or its members may make other visits to the Academy in connection with the duties of the Board. Board meetings should last at least one full day. Board members shall have access to the Academy grounds and the cadets, faculty, staff, and other personnel of the Academy for the purposes of the duties of the Board.”

2006—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 109-364 substituted “Board under paragraph (2)” for “board under paragraph (2)”.

2004—Pub. L. 108-375 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section contained provisions relating to membership of Board of Visitors in subsec. (a), term of office in subsec. (b), designation of successor in subsec. (c), frequency of Academy visits in subsec. (d), scope of Board inquiries in subsec. (e), submission of reports in

subsec. (f), calling in of advisers in subsec. (g), and reimbursement for travel in subsec. (h).

1999—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 106-65 substituted “Committee on Armed Services” for “Committee on National Security”.

1996—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 104-106, §1502(a)(12), substituted “National Security” for “Armed Services”.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 104-106, §1061(e)(2), struck out “is entitled to not more than \$5 a day and” after “each adviser”.

1980—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-579 required member whose term of office had expired to continue service until appointment of a successor.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 806(a)(3) of Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

#### § 9456. Acceptance of guarantees with gifts for major projects

(a) ACCEPTANCE AUTHORITY.—Subject to subsection (c), the Secretary of the Air Force may accept from a donor or donors a qualified guarantee for the completion of a major project for the benefit of the Academy.

(b) OBLIGATION AUTHORITY.—The amount of a qualified guarantee accepted under this section shall be considered as contract authority to provide obligation authority for purposes of Federal fiscal and contractual requirements. Funds available for a project for which such a guarantee has been accepted may be obligated and expended for the project without regard to whether the total amount of the funds and other resources available for the project (not taking into account the amount of the guarantee) is sufficient to pay for completion of the project.

(c) NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE.—The Secretary of the Air Force may not accept a qualified guarantee under this section for the completion of a major project until after the expiration of 30 days following the date upon which a report of the facts concerning the proposed guarantee is submitted to Congress or, if earlier, the expiration of 14 days following the date on which a copy of the report is provided in an electronic medium pursuant to section 480 of this title.

(d) PROHIBITION ON COMMINGLING OF FUNDS.—The Secretary of the Air Force may not enter into any contract or other transaction involving the use of a qualified guarantee and appropriated funds in the same contract or transaction.

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) MAJOR PROJECT.—The term “major project” means a project for the purchase or other procurement of real or personal property, or for the construction, renovation, or repair of real or personal property, the total cost of which is, or is estimated to be, at least \$1,000,000.

(2) QUALIFIED GUARANTEE.—The term “qualified guarantee”, with respect to a major project, means a guarantee that—

(A) is made by one or more persons in connection with a donation, specifically for the project, of a total amount in cash or securi-

ties that, as determined by the Secretary of the Air Force, is sufficient to defray a substantial portion of the total cost of the project;

(B) is made to facilitate or expedite the completion of the project in reasonable anticipation that other donors will contribute sufficient funds or other resources in amounts sufficient to pay for completion of the project;

(C) is set forth as a written agreement that provides for the donor to furnish in cash or securities, in addition to the donor's other gift or gifts for the project, any additional amount that may become necessary for paying the cost of completing the project by reason of a failure to obtain from other donors or sources funds or other resources in amounts sufficient to pay the cost of completing the project; and

(D) is accompanied by—

(i) an irrevocable and unconditional standby letter of credit for the benefit of the Academy that is in the amount of the guarantee and is issued by a major United States commercial bank; or

(ii) a qualified account control agreement.

(3) QUALIFIED ACCOUNT CONTROL AGREEMENT.—The term “qualified account control agreement”, with respect to a guarantee of a donor, means an agreement among the donor, the Secretary of the Air Force, and a major United States investment management firm that—

(A) ensures the availability of sufficient funds or other financial resources to pay the amount guaranteed during the period of the guarantee;

(B) provides for the perfection of a security interest in the assets of the account for the United States for the benefit of the Academy with the highest priority available for liens and security interests under applicable law;

(C) requires the donor to maintain in an account with the investment management firm assets having a total value that is not less than 130 percent of the amount guaranteed; and

(D) requires the investment management firm, at any time that the value of the account is less than the value required to be maintained under subparagraph (C), to liquidate any noncash assets in the account and reinvest the proceeds in Treasury bills issued under section 3104 of title 31.

(4) MAJOR UNITED STATES COMMERCIAL BANK.—The term “major United States commercial bank” means a commercial bank that—

(A) is an insured bank (as defined in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813));

(B) is headquartered in the United States; and

(C) has net assets in a total amount considered by the Secretary of the Air Force to qualify the bank as a major bank.

(5) MAJOR UNITED STATES INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FIRM.—The term “major United