



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

AGENCY: President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: Announcement of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the agenda for the summer 2024 meeting of the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (Board) and provides information to members of the public about how to attend the meeting, request to make oral comments at the meeting, and submit written comments pertaining to the work of the Board.

DATES: On June 20, 2024, the Board will hold a virtual meeting from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. E.D.T.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sedika Franklin, Associate Director/Designated Federal Official, U.S. Department of Education, White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202 or by e-mail at sedika.franklin@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Board's Statutory Authority and Function: The Board is established by 20 U.S.C. 1063e (the HBCUs Partners Act) and Executive Order 14041 (September 3, 2021) and is continued by Executive Order 14109 (September 29, 2023). The Board is also governed by the provisions of 5 U.S.C. chapter 10 (Federal Advisory Committees), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees. The purpose of the Board is to advise the President, through the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (Initiative), on all matters pertaining to strengthening the educational capacity of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

The Board advises the President in the following areas: (i) improving the identity, visibility, and distinctive capabilities and overall competitiveness of HBCUs; (ii) engaging the philanthropic, business, government, military, homeland-security, and education communities in a national dialogue regarding new HBCU programs and initiatives; (iii) improving the ability of HBCUs to remain fiscally secure institutions that can assist the Nation in achieving its educational goals and in advancing the interests of all Americans; (iv) elevating the public awareness of, and fostering appreciation of, HBCUs; (v) encouraging public-private investments in HBCUs; and (vi) improving government-wide strategic planning related to HBCU competitiveness to align Federal resources and provide the

context for decisions about HBCU partnerships, investments, performance goals, priorities, human capital development, and budget planning. Notice of the meeting is required by 5 U.S.C. Chapter 10 (Federal Advisory Committees) and is intended to notify the public of an opportunity to attend the meeting.

Meeting Agenda: The meeting agenda will include roll call; approval of the minutes from the April 18, 2024 Board meeting; an update from the Board Chairperson; an update from U.S. Department of Education staff; an update from the Executive Director of the Initiative; a status report from each of the Board's subcommittees (Preservation and Growth, Infrastructure, and Career Pathways and Financial Support and Research); and a discussion regarding the status of the Board's report to the President. The public comment period will begin immediately following the conclusion of such discussions. The Board will hold a vote on recommendations presented by its subcommittees and/or any final elements of its report to the President.

Access to the Meeting: An advance RSVP is not required to attend the meeting. The public may join the meeting at the following link:

<https://events.intellor.com?do=modentry&eventID=507129>.

To join the meeting, please click on the link, enter your name, email address, and organization, and follow the

prompts to connect to the meeting audio by computer or telephone. Members of the public who cannot join by computer may dial in by phone at 1-202-735-3323 with access code 5337461#. Members of the public joining by phone will be automatically placed in listen only mode.

Members of the public may virtually join the meeting 10 minutes prior to its start time.

Submission of requests to make an oral comment: There will be an allotted time for oral comment. The public may submit a request to make oral comment by sending a note via the chat function to the Host and Presenters of the meeting. Please include "Oral Comment Request" in the note and provide the name, title, organization/affiliation, and e-mail address of the person requesting to speak. Those joining by phone will be given instructions by the event producer on how to make oral comment. The Designated Federal Official will call upon each requestor in the order in which the requests were received. Each individual who makes a request will have an opportunity to speak for up to two minutes. All oral comments will become part of the official record of the meeting.

Submission of written comments: Written comments must be submitted to the whirsvps@ed.gov mailbox no later than two business days before the meeting. Please include in the subject line "Written Comments: Public Comment." The e-mail

must include the name(s), title, organization/affiliation, mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the comment. Comments should be submitted as a Microsoft Word document or in a medium compatible with Microsoft Word (not a PDF file) that is attached to the e-mail or provided in the body of the e-mail message. Please do not send material directly to the members of the Board. Written comments will become part of the official record of the meeting.

Access to Records of the Meeting: The Department will post the official report of the meeting on the Board's website, <https://sites.ed.gov/whhbcu/policy/presidents-board-of-advisors-pba-on-hbcus>, no later than 90 days after the meeting. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 1009(b), the public may also inspect the meeting materials and other Board records at 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, by e-mailing oswhi-hbcu@ed.gov = to schedule an appointment.

Reasonable Accommodations: The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format), notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the meeting date. Although we will attempt to meet a request received after that date, we may not be able to make

available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

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Authority: HBCUs Partners Act, Presidential Executive Order 14041, continued by Executive Order 14109.

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