This document is scheduled to be published in the Federal Register on 2026-11-20 and available online at https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2026-23687, and on https://govinfo.gov

DE: 3510-13

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Board of Overseers or Board) will meet in open session on Thursday, December 10, 2026. The purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss the work of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program and its private-sector partners to implement and improve the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Award), and to provide recommendations to the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) as the Board deems necessary. Details on the agenda are noted in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. Eastern time until 4:00 p.m. Eastern time. The meeting will be open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually via webinar. Please note admittance instructions under the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Fangmeyer, Director, Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1020, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1020, telephone number (301) 873-1323, or by email at robert.fangmeyer@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. § 3711a(d)(2)(B) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended,

5 U.S.C. § 1001 *et seq*.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (FACA), 5 U.S.C. § 1001 *et seq*., notice is hereby given that the Board will meet in open session on Thursday, December 10, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. Eastern time until 4:00 p.m. Eastern time. The Board is currently composed of six members selected for their preeminence in the field of organizational performance excellence and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The Board consists of a balanced representation from U.S. service, manufacturing, nonprofit, education, and healthcare industries. The Board includes members familiar with the quality, performance improvement operations, and competitiveness issues of manufacturing companies, service companies, nonprofits, healthcare providers, and educational institutions. The purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss the work of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program (Program) and its private sector partners to implement and improve the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Award), and to provide recommendations to the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) as the Board deems necessary. The agenda will include: Report on Program Accomplishments for 2026, Update on Implementation of the MOU Transferring Operational Responsibilities to the Baldrige Foundation and Alliance for Performance Excellence, Baldrige Foundation Update, Alliance for Performance Excellence Update, Communities of Excellence Update, and Recommendations for the NIST Director. The agenda may change to accommodate Board business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST Baldrige Performance Excellence Web site at http://www.nist.gov/baldrige/community/overseers.cfm. The meeting will be open to the public.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Board's affairs are invited to request a place on the agenda. On December 10, 2026, approximately one-half hour will be reserved in the afternoon for public comments and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The

amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received but is likely to be about 3 minutes each. The exact time for public comments will be included in the final agenda that will be posted on the Baldrige Program website at http://www.nist.gov/baldrige/community/overseers.cfm. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Requests must be submitted by email to Robert Fangmeyer at *robert.fangmeyer@nist.gov* and must be received by 12:00 p.m. Noon Eastern Time, December 3, 2026, to be considered. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak, but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend are invited to submit written statements by e-mail to robert.fangmeyer@nist.gov.

Admittance Instructions: All participants will be attending virtually via webinar and need to pre-register to be admitted. Please contact Mr. Fangmeyer by email at robert.fangmeyer@nist.gov for detailed instructions on how to join the webinar. All requests must be received by 12:00 p.m. Noon Eastern Time, December 3, 2026.

Special Accommodations: Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting should contact robert.fangmeyer@nist.gov no later than 12:00 p.m. Noon Eastern Time, December 3, 2026, so that appropriate arrangements can be made

Alicia Chambers
NIST Executive Secretariat.

[FR Doc. 2026-23687 Filed: 11/19/2026 8:45 am; Publication Date: 11/20/2026]