



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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

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 meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the dates indicated below (unless otherwise listed):

Subcommittee	Date	Location
Pulmonary Medicine -----	November 14, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Surgery -----	November 14, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Oncology-B -----	November 14, 2018	Phoenix Park Hotel
Infectious Diseases-B -----	November 15, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Oncology-A/D -----	November 15, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Hematology -----	November 16, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Oncology-C -----	November 16, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Cellular & Molecular Medicine	November 19, 2018	*VA Central Office
Nephrology -----	November 27, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Oncology-E -----	November 27, 2018	*VA Central Office
Immunology & Dermatology-A	November 28, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Infectious Diseases-A -----	November 28, 2018	*VA Central Office
Mental Health & Behavioral Sciences-B -----	November 28, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Neurobiology-C -----	November 28, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Endocrinology-A -----	November 29, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Neurobiology-E -----	November 30, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Cardiovascular Studies-A -----	December 3, 2018	Phoenix Park Hotel
Endocrinology-B -----	December 3, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Neurobiology-B -----	December 3, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Mental Health & Behavioral Sciences-A -----	December 4, 2018	*VA Central Office
Special Emphasis Panel on		

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Neurobiology-F -----	December 5, 2018	*VA Central Office
Cardiovascular Studies-B ----	December 6, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Epidemiology -----	December 6, 2018	Phoenix Park Hotel
Gastroenterology -----	December 6, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Neurobiology-A -----	December 7, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Neurobiology-D -----	December 7, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Gulf War Research -----	December 7, 2018	Phoenix Park Hotel
Special Panel for Sheep Review -----	December 11, 2018	*VA Central Office
Eligibility -----	January 18, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Special Emphasis Panel on Clinical Studies	January 31, 2018	*VA Central Office

The addresses of the meeting sites are:

20 F Conference Center, 20 F Street, NW, Washington, DC

Phoenix Park Hotel, 520 North Capital Street, NW, Washington, DC

VA Central Office, 1100 First Street, NE, Suite 600, Washington, DC

*Teleconference

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.

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 (10P9B), 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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