

**NATIONAL DEAFNESS AND OTHER COMMUNICATION DISORDERS  
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**January 26, 2018**

**National Institutes of Health  
Bethesda, MD**

**MINUTES**

The National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council convened on January 26, 2018 in Building 31, Conference Room 6, National Institutes of Health (NIH), Bethesda, MD. Dr. James F. Battey, Jr., Director, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), served as Chairperson. In accordance with Public Law 92-463, the meeting was:

Closed: January 26, 2018: 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. for review of the NIDCD's Scientific Director and the review of individual grant applications; there was no Open Session.

*[Executive Secretary Note: In response to the government shutdown January 20-22, 2018, the Advisory Council was converted to a teleconference and the agenda was minimized to facilitate participation by members and to accomplish essential business.]*

Council members in attendance via teleconference<sup>1</sup>:

Ms. Lisa Adams	Dr. Steven Sims
Dr. Jian-Dong Li	Dr. Judith Gierut
Dr. Sarah Blackstone	Dr. Richard Smith
Dr. M. Charles Liberman	Dr. Sandra Gordon-Salant
Dr. Diane Bless	Dr. Donald Wilson
Ms. Nanci Linke-Ellis	Dr. Sue Kinnamon
Dr. John P. Carey	Dr. Charlotte Yeh
Dr. Neil Segil	Dr. David Lee
Dr. Susan Ellis-Weismer	

Ex-Officio Members Participating:

Ms. Christa Themann	Dr. Judy Schafer
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Council Members Absent:

Dr. Christoph Schreiner

The complete Council roster is found in Appendix 1.

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<sup>1</sup>For the record, it is noted that members absent themselves from the meeting when the Council is discussing applications (a) from their respective institutions or (b) in which a real or apparent conflict of interest might occur. This procedure applies only to individual discussion of an application and not to "en bloc" actions.

NIDCD employees present during portions of the meeting:

Dr. Kathy Bainbridge	Mr. Howard Hoffman
Mr. Christopher Myers	Ms. Nanette Stephenson
Dr. James Battey	Dr. Craig Jordan
Mr. Eddie Myrbeck	Dr. Melissa Stick
Dr. Laura Cole	Dr. Kelly King
Dr. Amy Poremba	Dr. Susan Sullivan
Dr. Judith Cooper	Dr. Eliane Lazar-Wesley
Dr. Kausik Ray	Dr. Bracie Watson
Dr. Janet Cyr	Ms. Mimi Lee
Dr. Alberto Rivera-Rentas	Ms. Ginger Webb
Ms. Susan Dambrauskas	Dr. Chuan-Ming Li
Mr. Mark Rotariu	Mr. Timothy Wheelles
Mr. Hoai Doan	Dr. Trinh Ly
Dr. Elka Scordalakes	Mr. Baldwin Wong
Dr. Nancy Freeman	Ms. Nakia Makonnen
Dr. Lana Shekim	Dr. Shiguang Yang
Ms. Maria Garcia	Dr. Castilla McNamara
Dr. Katherine Shim	Ms. Kelli Van Zee
Dr. Andrew Griffith	Dr. Roger Miller
Dr. Sheo Singh	

Other federal employees present during portions of the meeting:

Dr. John Bishop, Center for Scientific Review  
Dr. Wind Cowles, Center for Scientific Review

## CLOSED SESSION

**I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks ..... Dr. James F. Battey, Jr.**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Battey, Director, NIDCD, who expressed appreciation to the entire Council for their service and advice.

**II. Council Procedures ..... Dr. Craig A. Jordan**

Procedural Matters

Dr. Jordan discussed important procedural matters, including requirements imposed by the Government in the Sunshine Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The necessity of members to avoid conflict of appearance thereof was stressed, as was the need to maintain confidentiality concerning the proceedings and materials related to the closed portion of the meeting. Dr. Jordan announced that the Council meeting would be closed for consideration the review of the Scientific Director and for the review of grant applications. Items on the original agenda intended for the open session will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

**III. Council Consideration of Scientific Director Review ..... Dr. Allen Ryan**

Dr. Allen Ryan from the University of California San Diego School of Medicine served as the Chairperson of the committee to review the general management performance of NIDCD's Scientific Director, Dr. Andrew Griffith. Dr. Ryan presented an overview of the process and recommendations of the committee. Drs. Ryan, Battey, and Griffith responded to questions from the members. A formal written response to the report from Dr. Battey and Dr. Griffith will be provided for the May 2018 Advisory Council meeting.

*[Executive Secretary Note: During the Scientific Director Review presentation, attendance was restricted to the Council members, the Executive Secretary and a few senior NIDCD administrators.]*

**IV. Opening Remarks ..... Dr. Battey**

Dr. Battey welcomed additional staff and visitors to the regular Closed Session of the meeting.

Dr. Battey explained that this meeting was being held via teleconference due to the government shutdown on January 19, 2018. Dr. Battey noted that this Closed Session was limited to the essential business of the Council and that the previously planned Open Session discussions will be rescheduled for future Council meetings.

Consideration of Minutes of the Meeting of September 15, 2017

Dr. Battey called the members' attention to the minutes of the September 15, 2017 meeting of the Advisory Council. The minutes were approved as written.

**V. Council Consideration of Pending Applications**

**A. Research Project Grant Awards**

1. Consideration of Applications: On the Council's agenda was a total of 125 investigator-initiated research grant applications; 113 applications had primary assignment to NIDCD, in the amount of \$40.4 million first-year direct costs. It is anticipated that, of the applications competing at this Council, NIDCD will be able to award grants to R01 applications scoring up through the 13<sup>th</sup> percentile.

## **B. Special Programs Actions**

1. Institutional National Research Training Award (T32): The Council recommended support of five applications
2. Short-Term Research Training Award (T35): The Council recommended support of one application
3. Research Scientist Development Award (K01): The Council recommended support of one application.
4. Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award (K23): The Council recommended support for one application.
5. NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99): The council recommended support for one application.
6. NIH Support for Conferences and Scientific Meetings (R13): The Council recommended support of four applications.
7. Academic Research Enhancement Awards (AREA) (R15): The Council recommended support of two applications.
8. NIH Exploratory/Development Research Grant Award (R21): The Council recommended support of six applications.
9. NIDCD Early Career Research (ECR) Award (R21): The Council recommended support of 10 applications.
10. NIH Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR): The Council recommended support of one Phase I (R41) application.
11. NIH Small Business Innovation Research Awards (SBIR): The Council recommended support of two Phase I (R43) applications.
12. NIH Small Business Innovation Research Awards (SBIR): The Council recommended support of two Phase II (R44) applications.
13. PA-13-218: Research on Autism Spectrum Disorders (R03): The Council recommended support of one application.

## **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. on January 26, 2018.

## VII. Certification of Minutes

We certify that, to the best of our knowledge, the foregoing minutes and attachments are accurate and correct.<sup>2</sup>

3/6/2018

/Craig A. Jordan/

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Executive Secretary  
National Deafness and Other Communication  
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/James F. Battey, Jr.

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<sup>2</sup> These minutes will be approved formally by the Council at the next meeting on May 18, 2018, and corrections or notations will be stated in the minutes of that meeting.

## APPENDIX

### ROSTER

#### National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council (Terms end on 5/31 of the designated year)

##### Chairperson

James F. Battey, Jr. M.D., Ph.D., Director  
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ADAMS, Lisa C., J.D. Legislative Analyst Massachusetts Municipal Association Newton, MA 02458	2020	GORDON-SALANT, Sandra, Ph.D. Director, Doctoral Program in Clinical Audiology University of Maryland College Park, MD 20742	2021
BLACKSTONE, Sarah W., Ph.D. President and CEO Augmentative Communication, Inc. Monterey, CA 93940	2019	KINNAMON, Sue C., Ph.D. Professor Department of Otolaryngology University of Colorado, Denver Aurora, CO 80045	2019
BLESS, Diane M., Ph.D. Professor Emeritus Departments of Communicative Disorders And Surgery University of Wisconsin – Madison School of Medicine Madison, WI 53792	2018	LEE, David J., Ph.D. Professor Department of Public Health Sciences University of Miami School of Medicine Miami, FL 33136	2018
CAREY, John Patrick, M.D. Professor, Department of Otolaryngology The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Baltimore, MD 21205	2021	LI, Jian-Dong, M.D., Ph.D. Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar Director, Center for Inflammation, Immunity and Infection Professor, Department of Biology Georgia State University Atlanta, GA 30303	2018
ELLIS WEISMER, Susan, Ph.D. Oros-Bascom Professor Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders Waisman Center University of Wisconsin-Madison Madison, WI 53705	2020	LIBERMAN, M. Charles, Ph.D. Director, Eaton-Peabody Laboratory Department of Otology and Laryngology Harvard Medical School Boston, MA 02114	2019
GIERUT, Judith A., Ph.D. Professor Emerita Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences Program in Cognitive Sciences Indiana University Bloomington, IN 47405	2020	LINKE ELLIS, Nanci Specialty Marketing Consultant Hearing Loss and Vision Impaired Audiences Culver City, CA 90232	2021

<p>SCHREINER, Christoph, M.D., Ph. D.  Professor and Vice Chairman  Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery  Center for Integrative Neuroscience  School of Medicine  University of California, San Francisco  San Francisco, CA 94158</p>	<p>2019</p>	<p>SMITH, Richard J. H., M.D.  Professor  Department of Otolaryngology  University of Iowa – Carver College of Medicine  Iowa City, IA 52242</p>	<p>2018</p>
<p>SEGIL, Neil, Ph.D.  Professor of Research  Keck School of Medicine  University of Southern California  Los Angeles, CA 90033</p>	<p>2021</p>	<p>WILSON, Donald A., Ph. D.  Senior Research Scientist and  Deputy Director  Emotional Brain Institute  The Nathan S. Kline Institute for Psychiatric  Research  Professor  New York University School of Medicine  Orangeburg, NY 10962</p>	<p>2019</p>
<p>SIMS, H. Steven, M.D.  Associate Professor and Director  Department of Otolaryngology-  Head and Neck Surgery  University of Illinois Medical Center  Chicago, IL 60612</p>	<p>2020</p>	<p>YEH, Charlotte S., M.D.  Chief Medical Officer  AARP Services, Inc.  Washington, DC 20049</p>	<p>2021</p>

**Ex Officio**

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