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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Performance Review Board Membership

AGENCY: Departmental Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Performance Review Board appointments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) and Senior Level (SL) and Scientific and Professional (ST) Performance Review Boards (PRB). Agriculture has two PRBs with representatives from each USDA Mission Area. The PRBs are comprised of the Chairpersons and a mix of career and noncareer senior executives and senior professionals that meet annually to review and evaluate performance appraisal documents. The PRB provides a written recommendation to the Secretary for final approval of each executive's performance rating, performance-based pay adjustment, and performance award. The PRBs are advised by the Office of Human Resources Management, Office of General Counsel, and Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights to ensure compliance with laws and regulations.

DATES: The board membership is applicable beginning on October 23, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Long, Acting Deputy Chief Human Capital Officer, Office of Human Resources Management, telephone: (202) 941-4075, or Rhonda C. Carr, Director, Human Resources Operations Division, telephone: (202) 720-3967.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Membership

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the USDA Performance Review Board members are named below:

BAILEY, MELISSA
BENDER, STUART
BENNETT PATRICIA
BUCKNALL, JANET
CROCKETT, JOHN
EICHHORST, JOHN
ERHAN, SEVIM
FANTINATO, JESSICA
FRENCH, GERALDINE
HAMER, HUBERT
HEATH, LINDA
JACKSON, KIMBERLY
JAMES, ROSALIND
MANZANO, HEATHER
MCCROSSON, TIMOTHY
MCHUGH, TARA
MOORE, MELISSA
NEAL, ARTHUR
NICKERSON, CYNTHIA
PARK, JOON
PARSONS, JOSEPH
RAMIREZ, LISA
RATER, BARBARA
RIPLEY, INGRID
SHEA, JOHN
SLUPEK, MARK
SMITH, GREGORY
THARP, MELISSA
TUCKER, JENNIFER
WATSON, MICHAEL
WHITLEY, DANIEL
WILLIAMS, DUANE
XU, WEIHUAN

The Secretary of Agriculture, Thomas J. Vilsack, having reviewed and approved this document, is delegating the authority to electronically sign this document to Anita Adkins, Chief Human Capital Officer, for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Michelle Long,

Acting Deputy Chief Human Capital Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[FSIS-2023-0024]

National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods: Public Meeting

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice is announcing that the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF) will hold a virtual public meeting from November 14, 2023,

through November 16, 2023. The NACMCF Secretariat will introduce newly appointed members for the 2023-2025 Committee term and introduce a new charge from FSIS on genomic characterization of pathogens. Also, the Committee will continue working on the response to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) *Cronobacter* spp. in Powdered Infant Formula charge.

DATES: The full Committee will hold a virtual public plenary meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Concurrent virtual public subcommittee meetings will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. As well as on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday, November 16, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., respectively. Attendance is free but pre-registration by Wednesday, November 8, 2023, is requested.

The deadline to submit written comments is Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

ADDRESSES: The plenary and subcommittee meetings will be held virtually using Webex. Attendees must pre-register at <https://ems8.intellor.com/?do=register&t=1&p=849304> to receive a join link, dial-in number, access code, and unique Attendee ID for the plenary and subcommittee meetings. Persons interested in providing comments at the Tuesday, November 14, 2023, plenary meeting should indicate so when registering. Comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker.

An American Sign Language interpreter will be present during the meeting and attendees will also have the option to turn on closed captions.

Written comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on the web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

Mail: Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Hand- or Courier-Delivered Submittals: Deliver to 1400

Independence Avenue SW, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 350-E, Washington, DC 20250–3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the agency name and docket number FSIS–2023–0024. Comments made in response to the docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to background documents or comments received, call (202) 937–4272 to schedule a time to visit the FSIS Docket Room at 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250.

Agenda: FSIS will finalize an agenda on or before the meeting date and post it on the FSIS web page at <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/newsroom/meetings>. Please note that the meeting agenda is subject to change; thus, sessions could end earlier or later than anticipated. Please plan accordingly if you would like to attend this meeting or participate in the public comment period.

The official transcript of the November 14, 2023 plenary meeting, when it becomes available, will be posted on FSIS' website at <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/data-collectionand-reports/nacmcf/meetings/nacmcfmeetings>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristal Southern, USDA, FSIS, Office of Public Health Science, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 1128, Washington, DC 20250; Email: NACMCF@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NACMCF was established in 1988, in response to a recommendation of the National Academy of Sciences for an interagency approach to microbiological criteria for foods, and in response to a recommendation of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations, as expressed in the Rural Development, Agriculture, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill for fiscal year 1988. The charter for the NACMCF is available for viewing at <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/policy/advisory-committees/national-advisory-committee-microbiological-criteria-foods-nacmcf>. The NACMCF provides impartial scientific advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on public health issues relative to the safety and wholesomeness of the U.S. food supply,

including development of microbiological criteria and review and evaluation of epidemiological and risk assessment data and methodologies for assessing microbiological hazards in foods. The Committee also provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Departments of Commerce and Defense. The Committee reports to the Secretary of Agriculture through the Under Secretary for Food Safety, the Committee's Chair, and to the Secretary of Health and Human Services through the Assistant Secretary for Health, the Committee's Vice-Chair. Currently, Dr. Emilio Esteban, Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA, is the Committee Chair; Dr. Donald Prater, Acting Director of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), is the Vice-Chair; and Dr. Kristal Southern, USDA FSIS, is the Director of the NACMCF Secretariat and Designated Federal Officer.

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Additional Public Notification

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- (1) *Mail:* U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–9410;
- (2) *Fax:* (833) 256–1665 or (202) 690–7442; or
- (3) *Email:* program.intake@usda.gov.

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Dated: October 19, 2023.

Cikena Reid,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Generic Clearance for FNS Quick Response Surveys (FNS QRS)

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection. This collection is a revision of a currently approved collection to conduct short, quick-turnaround surveys of State and local agencies providing food, education, and other services in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Child Nutrition Programs, and Supplemental Nutrition and Safety Programs administered at the federal level by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). These programs include the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC); National School Lunch Program (NSLP); School Breakfast Program (SBP); Special Milk Program (SMP); Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP); Summer Food Service Program (SFSP); Summer EBT (SEBT); Team Nutrition; the Patrick Leahy Farm to School Program; the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP); USDA Foods in Schools; Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR); The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP); and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before December 26, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted via email to conor.mcGovern@usda.gov. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Conor McGovern at conor.mcGovern@usda.gov, 703–457–7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title: Generic Clearance for FNS Quick Response Surveys (FNS QRS).

Form Number: N/A.

OMB Number: 0584–0613.

Expiration Date: 05/31/2024.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) intends to request the renewal of a generic clearance that allows FNS to conduct short, quick-turnaround surveys of State, local, and Tribal agencies and businesses that receive food, funds, and nutrition information through programs administered by FNS. This generic clearance enables FNS to better meet the goals of Executive Order 14058, *Transforming Federal Customer Experience and Service Delivery to Rebuild Trust in Government*, by allowing FNS to expeditiously gather information from program operators to improve and refine customer experience and service delivery.

These programs include the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC); National School Lunch Program (NSLP); School Breakfast Program (SBP); Special Milk Program (SMP); Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP); Summer Food Service Program (SFSP); Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (SEBT); the

Patrick Leahy Farm to School Program; Team Nutrition; the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP); USDA Foods in Schools; Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR); The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP); and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).

Legislation authorizing these programs requires operators to cooperate with USDA program research and evaluation activities. Traditionally, FNS conducts large, program-specific studies to collect information on numerous features of each program. Such studies often take several years to complete. Quick response surveys provide a system for rapidly collecting current information on a specific feature or issue, and, therefore, enable FNS to administer the programs more effectively.

The data collection activities under this clearance will include: (1) sample frame data collections and (2) quick-response surveys. The sample frame data collections are used to request contact information from State agencies for the local program operators within their purview. The quick-response survey data collections will be used to survey key administrators of FNS programs at the State, local, and site level to answer policy and implementation questions.

Following standard OMB requirements, FNS will submit a change request to OMB for each data collection activity undertaken under this generic clearance. The respondents will be identified at the time that each change request is submitted to OMB. FNS will provide OMB with the instruments and supporting materials describing the research project and specific pre-testing activities.

This revision makes some changes to the information collection as previously approved. SNAP, Summer EBT, and the Patrick Leahy Farm to School Program have been added as separate programs, thereby expanding it to all current FNS programs. The type of information to be collected and the methods of collection will remain broadly the same. In this revision, FNS has changed the manner in which we account for burden on respondents. Previously, we requested burden for exactly one survey per program per year at the state and local levels. This had several downsides. First, it overestimated the burden of the clearance itself on many respondent groups, as some programs are surveyed more commonly than others. Second, it reduced flexibility for FNS to perform multiple surveys for a given program when there were significant policy or