

the effects on students, student academic achievement, staff and parents; and expanding the number of high-quality charter schools available to students across the nation.

Charter school authorization is the center of efforts to expand and ensure high-quality public school choice options through public charter schools. Charter school authorizers are the public entities primarily responsible for: Initial charter authorizations, on-going monitoring and oversight, and charter renewal and closure decisions. Currently there is not a comprehensive, fully-populated tool for tracking the activities of and evaluating the quality of authorizers nationwide based on their authorizing decisions in light of schools' performance. The charter authorizer survey will be the key tool by which the National Charter School Resource Center collects the following data elements from the nation's charter school authorizers: Authorizing agency; authorizing agency type (*e.g.*, school district, State Educational Agency, independent authorizer), basic school information, year the school opened, past renewal decision(s), reasons for nonrenewal (if applicable), year closed (if applicable), reason for closure (if applicable), and the next renewal decision year. The charter school authorizer survey will be administered once annually, in the spring. Respondents will be able to complete and return the survey in paper form or electronically, by visiting a link stated on the paper form.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from the RegInfo.gov Web site at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> or from the Department's Web site at <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4445. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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

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

ACTION: Notice of an Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and agenda of the meeting of the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of the meeting is required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and intended to notify the public of its opportunity to attend.

DATES: Tuesday, March 1, 2011.

TIME: 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Board will meet at the U.S. Department of Education, Lyndon Baines Johnson Building, in Washington, District of Columbia, Departmental Auditorium, 1st Floor, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202, 202-453-5634.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Silvanus Wilson, Jr., Executive Director, White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20204; *telephone:* (202) 453-5634, *fax:* (202) 453-5632.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (the Board) is established by Executive Order 13532 (February 26, 2010). The Board is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), (Pub. L. 92-463; as amended, 5 U.S.C.A., Appendix 2) which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees. The purpose of the Board is to advise the President and the Secretary of Education (Secretary) on all matters pertaining to strengthening the educational capacity of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

The Board shall advise the President and the Secretary 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 reaching its goal of having the highest proportion of college graduates by 2020; (iv) elevating the public awareness of HBCUs; and encouraging public-private investments in HBCUs; and (v) encouraging public-private investments in HBCUs.

Agenda:

The Board will receive updates from the Chairman of the President's Board of Advisors on HBCUs and the Executive Director of the White House Initiative on HBCUs on their respective activities since the Board's last meeting, which was held on September 15, 2010. In addition, the Board will discuss possible strategies to meet its duties under its charter.

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (*e.g.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, or material in alternative format) should notify John P. Brown, associate director, White House Initiative on HBCUs, at (202) 453-5645, no later than Thursday, February 24, 2011. We will attempt to meet requests for such accommodations after this date, but cannot guarantee their availability. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

An opportunity for public comment is available on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, from 1:30 p.m.–2 p.m. Individuals who wish to provide comments will be allowed three to five minutes to speak. Those members of the public interested in submitting written comments may do so by submitting them to the attention of John S. Wilson, White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202, by Thursday, February 24, 2011.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the office of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202, Monday through Friday (excluding Federal holidays) during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Dated: February 4, 2011.

Martha Kanter,

Under Secretary, Department of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: Hearing

AGENCY: Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Education.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting/public hearing.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming open meeting/public hearing for the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance (the Advisory Committee). This notice also describes the functions of the Advisory Committee. Notice of the meeting/hearing is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, March 17, 2011, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at approximately 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Four Points by Sheraton, Franklin Room, 1201 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Alison Bane, Associate Director of Government Relations, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Capitol Place, 80 F Street, NW., Suite 413, Washington, DC 20202-7582, (202) 219-2099.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance is established under Section 491 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended by Public Law 100-50 (20 U.S.C. 1098). The Advisory Committee serves as an independent source of advice and counsel to the Congress and the Secretary of Education on student financial aid policy. Since its inception, the congressional mandate requires the Advisory Committee to conduct objective, nonpartisan, and independent

analyses on important aspects of the student assistance programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act, and to make recommendations that will result in the maintenance of access to postsecondary education for low- and middle-income students. In addition, Congress expanded the Advisory Committee's mission in the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 to include several important areas: access, Title IV modernization, distance education, and early information, and needs assessment. Specifically, the Advisory Committee is to review, monitor, and evaluate the Department of Education's progress in these areas and report recommended improvements to Congress and the Secretary.

The March 17 meeting/hearing in Washington, DC, will consist of two sessions. The first session will be a roundtable discussion among experts regarding issues associated with the design and use of the institutional net price calculators mandated by Congress in the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008. The second session will be a panel discussion among experts of the nontraditional student population and the barriers to access and persistence that they face today. The third session will consist of a public comment session: five minutes will be allotted to those who request the opportunity to comment on one or both of the topics above. To participate in session three, please send an e-mail to ACSFA@ed.gov noting your topic. We must receive your comments on or before March 9, 2011. Space is limited. Advisory Committee staff will contact presenters prior to the meeting/hearing.

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the event (*i.e.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, and/or materials in alternative format) should notify the Advisory Committee no later than Friday, March 4, 2011, by contacting Ms. Tracy Jones at (202) 219-2099 or via email at tracy.deanna.jones@ed.gov. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The event site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Space for this event is limited and you are encouraged to register early if you plan to attend. You may register on the Advisory Committee's Web site, <http://www.ed.gov/ACSFA> or by sending an e-mail to the following address: ACSFA@ed.gov or Tracy.Deanna.Jones@ed.gov. Please include your name, title, affiliation, complete address (including internet and e-mail address, if available), and

telephone and fax numbers. If you are unable to register electronically, you may fax your registration information to the Advisory Committee staff office at (202) 219-3032. You may also contact the Advisory Committee staff directly at (202) 219-2099. The registration deadline is Wednesday, March 9, 2011.

Records are kept for Advisory Committee proceedings, and are available for inspection at the Office of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Capitol Place, 80 F Street, NW.,—Suite 413, Washington, DC, from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Information regarding the Advisory Committee is available on the Committee's Web site, <http://www.ed.gov/ACSFA>.

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Dated: February 3, 2011.

William J. Goggin,

Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Notice of EAC Standards Board Meeting.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, February 24, 2011, 9 a.m.–5:15 p.m. CST and Friday, February 25, 2011, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. CST.

PLACE: Sheraton Oklahoma City Hotel, One North Broadway Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73102, *Phone Number:* (405) 235-2780.

AGENDA: The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Standards Board