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Aaron Siegel,

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Charter Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Renewal of Federal Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (DoD) is publishing this notice to announce that it is renewing the charter for the Defense Policy Board ("the Board").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Freeman, Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703-692-5952.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This committee's charter is being renewed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and 41 CFR 102-3.50(d). The charter and contact information for the Board's Designated Federal Officer (DFO) can be obtained at <http://www.facadatabase.gov/>.

The Board shall provide the Secretary of Defense and the Deputy Secretary of Defense, independent, informed advice and opinions concerning matters of defense policy in response to specific tasks from the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, or the USD(P). The Board shall focus on: (a) Issues central to strategic DoD planning; (b) policy implications of U.S. force structure and force modernization on DoD's ability to execute U.S. defense strategy; (c) U.S. regional defense policies; and (d) any other topics raised by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, or the USD(P). The Board shall be composed of no more than 35 members who have distinguished backgrounds in defense and national security affairs. Members who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees are appointed as experts or consultants

pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3109 to serve as special government employee members. Members who are full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees are appointed pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.130(a) to serve as regular government employee members. Each member is appointed to provide advice on behalf of the Government on the basis of their best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest. Except for reimbursement of official Board-related travel and per diem, members serve without compensation. The DoD, as necessary and consistent with the Board's mission and DoD policies and procedures, may establish subcommittees, task forces, or working groups to support the Board, and all subcommittees must operate under the provisions of FACA and the Government in the Sunshine Act. Subcommittees will not work independently of the Board and must report all recommendations and advice solely to the Board for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees, task forces, or working groups have no authority to make decisions and recommendations, verbally or in writing, on behalf of the Board. No subcommittee or any of its members can update or report, verbally or in writing, directly to the DoD or any Federal officers or employees. The Board's DFO, pursuant to DoD policy, must be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and must be in attendance for the duration of each and every Board/subcommittee meeting. The public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the Board membership about the Board's mission and functions. Such statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of planned Board meetings. All written statements must be submitted to the Board's DFO who will ensure the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Arbitration Panel Decisions Under the Randolph-Sheppard Act

AGENCY: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of arbitration decisions.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (Department) is changing the way it notifies the public of arbitration panel decisions under the Randolph-Sheppard Act. The Department will no longer publish detailed synopses of each decision in the **Federal Register**. Rather, the Department will publish a quarterly notice in the **Federal Register** listing any decisions reached in the previous three months. The full text of the decisions will be available on the Department's Web site and by request. This notice lists decisions from the first two quarters of 2017 and available decisions from 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Donald Brinson, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 5045, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-2800. Telephone: (202) 245-7310. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service, toll-free, at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For the purpose of providing blind persons with remunerative employment, enlarging their economic opportunities, and stimulating greater efforts to make themselves self-supporting, the Randolph-Sheppard Act, 20 U.S.C. 107 *et seq.* (Act), authorizes blind persons to operate vending facilities on Federal property and provides them with a priority for doing so. The vending facilities include, among other things, cafeterias, snack bars, and automatic vending machines. The Department administers the Act and designates an agency in each State—the State Licensing Agency (SLA)—to license blind persons to operate vending facilities on Federal and other property in the State.

The Act requires arbitration of disputes between SLAs and blind vendors and between SLAs and Federal agencies before three-person panels convened by the Department whose decisions constitute final agency action. 20 U.S.C. 107d-1. The Act also makes these decisions matters of public record and requires their publication in the **Federal Register**. 20 U.S.C. 107d-2(c).

The Department's long-standing practice has been to publish in the **Federal Register** detailed synopses of

arbitration decisions rather than their full text, which are sometimes quite lengthy. This saves publishing costs for the Department and time for interested members of the public. The Department has also provided copies of full arbitration panel decisions to members of the public upon request.

The time it took to draft these synopses resulted in a publishing backlog, however. Therefore, the Department has decided to change its practice in a way that will allow it to

comply with the statutory requirement for publication and to provide the text of the arbitration panel decisions to the public more quickly and conveniently and at minimal cost to the Department.

The Department will now make the full text of arbitration panel decisions under the Act available on the Department's Web site, and we will add older, archived decisions as they become available in the proper format and are made accessible to individuals with disabilities under section 508 of

the Rehabilitation Act. The decisions will be searchable by key terms and available for download in Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format. The Department will continue to provide copies of decisions to members of the public upon request to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

Since the beginning of 2017, Randolph-Sheppard Arbitration panels have issued the following decisions.

| Case name | Docket No. | Date | State |
|--|------------|---------|-------------|
| <i>Kansas Dept. for Children and Families v. Department of the Army</i> | RS 15-15 | 5/9/17 | Kansas. |
| <i>Homan v. Maryland</i> | RS 15-06 | 3/30/17 | Maryland. |
| <i>Texas v. The Department of the Air Force</i> | RS 16-09 | 2/28/17 | Texas. |
| <i>Sheets v. California</i> | RS 13-08 | 2/27/17 | California. |
| <i>Florida Dept. of Education, Division of Blind Services v. Department of the Air Force</i> | RS 15-13 | 2/1/17 | Florida. |

The decisions are available at www.ed.gov/programs/rsarsp/arbitration-decisions.html.

At this same site, we have posted the following decisions from 2016.

| Case name | Docket No. | Date | State |
|--|------------|----------|-----------------|
| <i>Oklahoma v. Fort Sill</i> | RS 15-10 | 12/23/16 | Oklahoma. |
| <i>South Carolina v. Dept. of the Army</i> | RS 15-07 | 9/2/16 | South Carolina. |
| <i>Georgia v. Fort Stewart</i> | RS 13-09 | 1/11/16 | Georgia. |

In the future, shortly after the end of every calendar quarter—March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31—the Department will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** listing arbitration decisions issued in the previous three months and any older decisions when they become available and are made accessible under section 508. The notice will provide a link to the Web site where the decisions may be found and contact information for anyone, with or without access to the internet, who wishes to request a copy of a decision from the Department.

Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotope, or compact disc) on request to the contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

Electronic Access to This Document: The official version of this document is the document published in the **Federal Register**. Free internet access to the official edition of the **Federal Register** and the Code of Federal Regulations is available via the Federal Digital System at: www.gpo.gov/fdsys. At this site you can view this document, as well as all other documents of this Department published in the **Federal Register**, in text or PDF. To use PDF you must have

Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at the site.

You may also access documents of the Department published in the **Federal Register** by using the article search feature at www.federalregister.gov. Specifically, through the advanced search feature at this site, you can limit your search to documents published by the Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Report of Dispute Resolution Under Part C of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act

AGENCY: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 5, 2017.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2017-ICCD-0089. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 216-42, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Amanda Hoffman, 202-245-6951.