

The Defense Business Board (DBB) is a federal advisory committee within the Department of Defense (DoD) operating pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Government in Sunshine Act of 1976, and other appropriate federal regulations. The DBB meets quarterly and held its first public session for fiscal year 2013 on January 24, 2013 from 8:45 AM to 10:30 AM in room 3D557 in the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

DBB Members (voting)

Goodman, John (Chairman)
Ronald, Mark (Vice Chairman)
Chao, Pierre
Cohen, Bonnie
Gross, Pat
Immergut, Mel
Langstaff, David
Levin, Lon
Odeen, Phil
Powell, Ned
Punaro, Arnold
Spencer, Richard
Stein, Robert
Wright, Joe
Zoeller, Jack

DBB Senior Fellows (non-voting)

Albert, Neil
Barrett, Barbara
Jennings, Madelyn
Phillips, Bill
Zakheim, Dov

DBB Consultants (non-voting)

O'Connor, John
Warner, Leigh

DBB Observers (non-voting)

Dodaro, Gene, Government Accountability Office (GAO)
St. Laurent, Janet, Government Accountability Office (GAO)

DBB Staff Support (non-voting)

Ferguson, Phyllis, Director
Bohn, Michael, Deputy Director
Bennett, Jeff, CDR, USN, Military Representative
Johnson, Mike, COL, USANG, Military Representative
Keating, Kelsey, Program Analyst
Kominiak, Lawrence, COL, USA, Military Representative
Lengel, Ed, Col, USAF, Military Representative

Public Session Attendees

11 members from the public attended the session.

PUBLIC SESSION

At 8:45 AM, Phyllis Ferguson, Designated Federal Official, opened the public session and introduced the members of the public.

Deliberation of Task Group Recommendations

Mr. John Goodman, DBB Chairman, introduced Richard Spencer, Task Group Chair for *Employing Our Veterans Part II: Review of Pilot Transition Goal Plans Success Program*.

Mr. Spencer introduced the Task Group members: Ned Powell and Kevin Walker, who were present, and Fernando Amandi and Atul Vashistha, who were absent from the meeting but contributed to the study. Mr. Spencer described the tasking, and then discussed key observations, findings, and draft recommendations. Mr. Spencer thanked those who graciously participated in interviews, responded to data requests, and supported the task group. During the Board Member comment period, Mr. Punaro addressed the possibility of using National Guard and Reserve facilities to assist with veteran transition and employment issues. Mr. Spencer agreed that this was to be included in the final report. Mr. Spencer discussed the need to outbrief the study following publication, especially to the Undersecretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness. Mr. Goodman, Chairman of the Board, called for a motion to vote and received a motion and a second. There was no opposition and the Board Members approved the recommendations, as amended.

Mr. John Goodman then introduced Neil Albert, Task Group Chair for *Taking Advantage of Opportunities for Commercial Satellite Communications Services*

Mr. Neil Albert introduced the Task Group members: David Langstaff, Joe Wright, and Leigh Warner and recognized several individuals and organizations that provided valuable input through interviews for the study. Mr. Albert described the study's objectives, outlined the DoD and commercial satellite market, four key findings, and near- and long-term recommendations on how DoD could better leverage commercial satellite services. Following Mr. Albert's presentation, the Board members discussed the criticality of the recommendation that DoD designate a single point of contact for overseeing the procurement and use of military and commercial satellite communications services. Mr. Gene Dodaro commented that the study's findings and recommendations were consistent with GAO's previous studies regarding DoD and the commercial satellite service sector. Mr. Goodman, Chairman of the Board, called for a motion to vote and received a motion and a second. Mr. Lon Levin abstained from voting. There was no opposition and the Board members approved the Task Group's recommendations.

Task Group Updates

Mr. John Goodman then introduced Joe Wright, Task Group Chair, to provide an update for *Applying Best Business Practices in Corporate Performance Management to DoD*.

Mr. Wright described the study's tasking and the group's progress to date where they reviewed current and past DoD strategic and financial reports and studies from think tanks and government agencies; evaluated past downsizing efforts in the private and public sectors and conducted over 57 interviews with individuals from the private sector and government. Mr. Phil Odeen, a member of the Task Group, also remarked on observations based on interviews with the private sector. Mr. Wright and the Task Group are scheduled to present their recommendations to the full board at the next DBB quarterly meeting.

Ms. Ferguson closed the public session.

END OF PUBLIC SESSION ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Goodman adjourned the DBB's January 24, 2013 public session at 10:30 AM.

I hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.



John Goodman
Chairman
Defense Business Board