

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 second public session for fiscal year 2014 on July 24, 2014 from 09:15 AM to 10:45 AM in room 3E863 in the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

DBB Members (voting)

Stein, Robert (Chairman)
Spencer, Richard (Vice Chairman)
Bovin, Denis
Cox, Howard
Langstaff, David
Levin, Lon
Odeen, Phil
Phillips, William
Ronald, Mark
Trudell, Cynthia
Walker, Kevin
Wright, Joe
Zakheim, Dov
Zoeller, Jack

DBB Consultants (non-voting)

O'Connor, John

DBB Observers (non-voting)

Berrick, Cathy, Government Accountability Office (GAO)
Sandy, Mark, Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

DBB Staff Support (non-voting)

Ferguson, Phyllis, Director
Bohn, Michael, Deputy Director
Caballero, Leslie, COL, USA, Military Representative
Defibaugh, Bruce, CDR, USN, Military Representative
Keating, Kelsey, Program Analyst

Public Session Attendees

11 members from the public attended the session.

PUBLIC SESSION

At 09:15 AM, Phyllis Ferguson, Designated Federal Official, opened the public session and introduced the members of the public.

Deliberation of Task Group Recommendations

Mr. Robert Stein, DBB Chairman, introduced David Langstaff, Task Group Chair for *Innovation: Attracting and Retaining the Best of the Private Sector*.

Mr. Langstaff introduced the Task Group members: Mr. Bovin, Mr. Levin, Dr. Zakheim, Ms. Donnelly, and also Ms. Keating from the DBB staff. Mr. Langstaff described the tasking, and then discussed the approach and defined innovation into the categories of evolutionary, efficiency, and revolutionary. He discussed the Task Group's findings in terms of what the Department has done to either attract or deter innovative companies and ideas from the private sector, as well as the business decisions and market forces reacting to those decisions, and the subsequent ramifications/problems that exist under the current acquisition models and practices as they are typically applied. He presented eight broad recommendations to address the problems/ramifications and concluded that the authorities to address these issues exist today and that the Department can act upon the recommendations immediately. Mr. Langstaff thanked those who graciously participated in interviews, responded to data requests, and supported the Task Group. The GAO observer, Ms. Cathy Berrick, stated that the report findings were consistent with previous GAO findings. The OMB Observer, Mr. Mark Sandy, stated that he did not recall where OMB had or had not looked at the application of FAR Part 12 in this manner but that the principles of seeking better access to commercial markets as a means to attract more innovation into the Department was sound. Mr. Stein, 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. A copy of the Board's recommendations may be found at <http://dbb.defense.gov/Meetings/MeetingJuly2014.aspx>

Ms. Ferguson closed the public session.

**END OF PUBLIC SESSION
ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Stein adjourned the DBB's July 24, 2014 public session at 10:45 AM.

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



Robert Stein
Chairman
Defense Business Board