

DEFENSE BUSINESS BOARD

Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2017

9:15 AM to 3:45 PM

The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

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 the Sunshine Act of 1976, and other appropriate federal regulations. The DBB meets quarterly and held its third session for fiscal year 2017 on April 20, 2017 with a public meeting from 9:15 AM to 3:45 PM in room 3E863 in the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

DBB Members (voting)(19)

Michael Bayer (Chair)

Nancy Killefer (Vice Chair)

Cynthia Trudell (Vice Chair)

Sandy Apgar

Howard Cox

Taylor Glover

Jerry Hultin

David Langstaff

Shelly Lazarus

Lon Levin

Phillip Odeen

William Phillips

Arnold Punaro

Mark Ronald

Atul Vashistha

Kevin Walker

Joseph Wright

Dov Zakheim

Jack Zoeller

DBB Consultants (non-voting)(1)

Neil Albert

DBB Ex-Officios (non-voting)(0)

None

DBB Staff (non-voting)(6)

Roma Laster, Executive Director and Designated Federal Officer

Webster Bridges, Deputy Director

CAPT Garrett Campbell, USN, Military Representative

Lt Col Anthony Cianciolo, ANG, Military Representative

Maj Lucas Buckley, USAF, Military Representative

Capt Thomas Koch, USMC, Military Representative

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Public Session Attendees (5)

Christopher J. Conway, JP Morgan Chase
Samantha Ehlinger, FedScoop
Alison D. Evans, Lewis-Burke Associates LLC
Jon Etherton, Etherton and Associates, Inc.
Jordana Mishory, Inside the Pentagon

PREPARATORY WORK SESSION

Chairman Michael Bayer presented the award of the Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Public Service to the Honorable Daniel Werfel, in recognition of his service to the DBB and the Nation.

After the brief ceremony, he discussed changes to the DBB quarterly meetings schedule initiated by the change in Secretaries of Defense and the DBB's upcoming work schedule.

PUBLIC MEETING SESSION

At 10:30 AM, Web Bridges, Alternate Designated Federal Officer, opened the public session and welcomed the members of the public.

Michael Bayer, DBB Chairman, thanked everyone for attending and spoke briefly about the DBB's upcoming work.

Task Group Presentations

Mr. Bayer introduced the Honorable Jerry Hultin, Task Group Chair for *Implications of Technology on the Future Workforce*, who briefed how this study will evaluate the potential for transformation of the Department's back office functions using artificial intelligence, machine learning, automation, and robotics. The task group will attempt to identify and examine how the private sector is utilizing (or planning to utilize) technological advancements in the workplace and how this can be replicated within DoD.

Atul Vashista, Task Group member, followed this up with a discussion about government and business automation and that this effort is not about buying technologies and pushing them in. The focus is on finding the single source of truth in the data.

There was some discussion amongst the DBB Members in regards to recognizing that automation is a journey, that scope of the study is important, and that strong leadership and governance is required to accomplish this.

END OF PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

As no public comments were volunteered, Mr. Bridges adjourned the DBB's April 20, 2017 public meeting session at 11:15 AM.

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General Paul J. Selva, USAF, Vice Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff spoke to the Board members in regards to upcoming challenges to the Department brought about by the change in Administrations, the next round of efficiencies, and the need to balance combat readiness with business efficiencies that make the Department ready for combat. Upon conclusion of his remarks General Selva exited.

The Honorable Robert Work, Deputy Secretary of Defense, arrived next and spoke to the Board members in regards to upcoming changes to the Department's budget and focus brought about by the change in Administrations and the challenges inherent with such a change.

Following the Deputy Secretary of Defense's departure, Michael Brown, Defense Innovation Unit Experimental, arrived and presented a briefing to the Board on China's Technology Transfer Strategy.

END OF PREPARATORY WORK SESSION

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Bayer', is written over the typed name and title.

Michael Bayer
Chairman
Defense Business Board
May 9, 2017