The National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council convened on January 26, 2018 in Building 31, Conference Room 6, National Institutes of Health (NIH), Bethesda, MD. Dr. James F. Battey, Jr., Director, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), served as Chairperson. In accordance with Public Law 92-463, the meeting was:

Closed: January 26, 2018: 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. for review of the NIDCD’s Scientific Director and the review of individual grant applications; there was no Open Session.

[Executive Secretary Note: In response to the government shutdown January 20-22, 2018, the Advisory Council was converted to a teleconference and the agenda was minimized to facilitate participation by members and to accomplish essential business.]

Council members in attendance via teleconference:

- Ms. Lisa Adams
- Dr. Jian-Dong Li
- Dr. Sarah Blackstone
- Dr. M. Charles Liberman
- Dr. Diane Bless
- Ms. Nanci Linke-Ellis
- Dr. John P. Carey
- Dr. Neil Segil
- Dr. Susan Ellis-Weismer
- Dr. Steven Sims
- Dr. Judith Gierut
- Dr. Richard Smith
- Dr. Sandra Gordon-Salant
- Dr. Donald Wilson
- Dr. Sue Kinnamon
- Dr. Charlotte Yeh
- Dr. David Lee

Ex-Officio Members Participating:

- Ms. Christa Themann
- Dr. Judy Schafer

Council Members Absent:

- Dr. Christoph Schreiner

The complete Council roster is found in Appendix 1.

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For the record, it is noted that members absent themselves from the meeting when the Council is discussing applications (a) from their respective institutions or (b) in which a real or apparent conflict of interest might occur. This procedure applies only to individual discussion of an application and not to "en bloc" actions.
NIDCD employees present during portions of the meeting:

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Other federal employees present during portions of the meeting:

- Dr. John Bishop, Center for Scientific Review
- Dr. Wind Cowles, Center for Scientific Review
CLOSED SESSION

I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks ................................................................. Dr. James F. Battey, Jr.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Battey, Director, NIDCD, who expressed appreciation to the entire Council for their service and advice.

II. Council Procedures .............................................................................................. Dr. Craig A. Jordan

Procedural Matters

Dr. Jordan discussed important procedural matters, including requirements imposed by the Government in the Sunshine Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The necessity of members to avoid conflict of appearance thereof was stressed, as was the need to maintain confidentiality concerning the proceedings and materials related to the closed portion of the meeting. Dr. Jordan announced that the Council meeting would be closed for consideration the review of the Scientific Director and for the review of grant applications. Items on the original agenda intended for the open session will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

III. Council Consideration of Scientific Director Review .............................................. Dr. Allen Ryan

Dr. Allen Ryan from the University of California San Diego School of Medicine served as the Chairperson of the committee to review the general management performance of NIDCD’s Scientific Director, Dr. Andrew Griffith. Dr. Ryan presented an overview of the process and recommendations of the committee. Drs. Ryan, Battey, and Griffith responded to questions from the members. A formal written response to the report from Dr. Battey and Dr. Griffith will be provided for the May 2018 Advisory Council meeting.

[Executive Secretary Note: During the Scientific Director Review presentation, attendance was restricted to the Council members, the Executive Secretary and a few senior NIDCD administrators.]

IV. Opening Remarks .................................................................................................. Dr. Battey

Dr. Battey welcomed additional staff and visitors to the regular Closed Session of the meeting.

Dr. Battey explained that this meeting was being held via teleconference due to the government shutdown on January 19, 2018. Dr. Battey noted that this Closed Session was limited to the essential business of the Council and that the previously planned Open Session discussions will be rescheduled for future Council meetings.

Consideration of Minutes of the Meeting of September 15, 2017

Dr. Battey called the members’ attention to the minutes of the September 15, 2017 meeting of the Advisory Council. The minutes were approved as written.

V. Council Consideration of Pending Applications

A. Research Project Grant Awards

1. Consideration of Applications: On the Council’s agenda was a total of 125 investigator-initiated research grant applications; 113 applications had primary assignment to NIDCD, in the amount of $40.4 million first-year direct costs. It is anticipated that, of the applications competing at this Council, NIDCD will be able to award grants to R01 applications scoring up through the 13th percentile.
B. Special Programs Actions

1. Institutional National Research Training Award (T32): The Council recommended support of five applications

2. Short-Term Research Training Award (T35): The Council recommended support of one application

3. Research Scientist Development Award (K01): The Council recommended support of one application.

4. Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award (K23): The Council recommended support for one application.

5. NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99): The council recommended support for one application.

6. NIH Support for Conferences and Scientific Meetings (R13): The Council recommended support of four applications.


8. NIH Exploratory/Development Research Grant Award (R21): The Council recommended support of six applications.


10. NIH Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR): The Council recommended support of one Phase I (R41) application.

11. NIH Small Business Innovation Research Awards (SBIR): The Council recommended support of two Phase I (R43) applications.

12. NIH Small Business Innovation Research Awards (SBIR): The Council recommended support of two Phase II (R44) applications.


VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. on January 26, 2018.
VII. Certification of Minutes

We certify that, to the best of our knowledge, the foregoing minutes and attachments are accurate and correct.²

_3/6/2018_ __/Craig A. Jordan/__________

Craig A. Jordan, Ph.D.
Executive Secretary
National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council

_3/6/2018_ __/James F. Battey, Jr.__________

James F. Battey, Jr., M.D., Ph.D.
Chairman
National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council

Director
National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders

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Ginger Webb
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² These minutes will be approved formally by the Council at the next meeting on May 18, 2018, and corrections or notations will be stated in the minutes of that meeting.
APPENDIX

ROSTER

National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council
(Terms end on 5/31 of the designated year)

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