

# National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics (NAREEE) Advisory Board

Tues 6/6/23 – Wed 6/7/23

USDA Headquarters – Whitten and Yates Buildings

**Tues 6/6 (all times are ET) – USDA Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington DC 20250.  
Visitors need to enter through the main lobby on the Mall side – Room 107A**

7:30 am– 8:30 am	<b>Coffee Networking (for members, Ex-Officio members, and guests)</b>
8:30 am– 8:45 am	<b>Remarks: NAREEE Advisory Board Staff Introductions and Overview of Meeting</b> -- Ms. Kate Lewis, Executive Director/Designated Federal Officer, Office of the Chief Scientist (OCS), Ms. Michele Simmons, Program Support Specialist
8:45 am – 9:00 am	<b>Remarks from the NAREEE Board Chair</b> – Dr. Kenrett Jefferson-Moore
9:00 am– 10:15 am	<b>Discussion: Introduction of Members</b> – each member will introduce themselves, include name and their affiliation, their category of representation, and 1-2 major issues impacting their represented constituents (1 slide, 5 mins per member)
10:15 am– 10:30 am	<b>Break</b>
10:30 am – 10:50 am	<b>Remarks from the Research, Education, and Economics Mission Area, USDA Under Secretary/Chief Scientist</b> – Chavonda Jacobs-Young
10:50 am – 11:15 am	<b>Q&amp;A with Dr. Jacobs-Young</b>
<b>REE Agency Updates</b> – Each agency will provide a short update on 2-3 initiatives or issues impacting their respective agency. Each speaker will have 15 minutes for presentation and 15 minutes for questions	
11:15 am– 11:45 am	<b>Mr. Bryan Combs</b> , Chief of Staff for NASS Administrator
11:45 am– 12:15 pm	<b>Dr. Spiro Stefanou</b> , Administrator, ERS
12:15 pm– 1:15 pm	<b>Working lunch</b> (for members, Ex-Officio members, and guests)
1:15 pm– 1:45 pm	<b>Mr. Joon Park</b> , Assistant Administrator, ARS
1:45 pm– 2:15 pm	<b>Dr. Manjit Misra</b> , Administrator, NIFA
2:15 pm – 2:45 pm	<b>Dr. Deirdra Chester</b> , Director, OCS
2:45 pm– 3:00 pm	<b>Break</b>
3 – 4:15 pm	<p><b>Presentation &amp; Discussion: USDA Science &amp; Research Strategy (S&amp;RS), 2023-2026</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>USDA’s Science &amp; Research Strategy</b>, Dr. Deirdra Chester, Director, Office of the Chief Scientist (OCS); Ms. Holly Wiggins, USDA Strategic Planning, Program Evaluation &amp; Enterprise Risk Officer (OCS); and Dr. Suzanne Thornsbury, Professor, Food and Resource Economics Department, University of Florida/IFAS</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Discussion:</b> focusing on Board member insight and engagement on implementation and partnerships</li></ul>
4:15 pm – 4:45 pm	<b>Presentation/Discussion: USDA’s Public Access Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An overview and feedback session about USDA’s planned public access plan for ensuring free, immediate, and equitable access to federally-funded research</li><li>• Mr. Paul M. Wester, Jr., Director, ARS National Agricultural Library, and Dr. Cynthia Parr, Assistant Chief Data Officer, REE</li></ul>
4:45 pm – 5:15 pm	<b>Discussion: Board Business</b> (Onboarding Discussion, Establish Executive Committee, etc.)
5:15 pm – 5:30 pm	<b>Remarks: Public Comment</b>
5:30 pm	<b>Adjourn for Evening</b> (Group Dinner – location TBD)

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Wed 6/7 (all times are ET) – USDA Forest Service’s Yates Building, 201 14th Street, SW Washington, DC 20250  
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 Leopold Conference Room (2nd floor)

8:00 am – 8:15 am

Remarks: Recap of Day 1 and Overview of Day 2 -- Kate Lewis

## Board Business

8:15 am – 8:30 am

Discussion: Old Board Business – FY22/FY23 Projects – Board Chair and Members

- **\*Approval\*** of Relevance and Adequacy (R&A) Addendum to 2020 *Ag Climate Adaptation Report*
- Update on Diversity & Inclusivity Letter (response from USDA Secretary)

8:30 am – 10:00 am

Presentations: New Board Business – FY23/FY24 Updates and Projects

- Committee/Council/Subcommittee Updates
  - **Pollinator Subcommittee**, Ms. Elizabeth “Izzy” Hill, USDA Honey Bee and Pollinator Research Coordinator
    - **Background and Look Ahead**
  - **CDS**, Mr. William “Gee” Roe III, W.G. Roe and Sons, Chair
    - **Background and Look Ahead**
  - **SCC**, Dr. Gregory Goins, North Carolina A&T State University, Chair
    - **Background and Look Ahead**
  - **NGRAC**, Dr. Jim McFerson, Chair
    - **Background and Look Ahead**
    - **\*Approval\***: April 2023 In-Person Meeting Minutes

10:00 am – 10:30 am

Discussion: Board Q&A About Committee/Subcommittee Work

10:30 am – 10:45 am

Break

## Relevance & Adequacy (R&A) Review Session

*The NAREEE Board is statutorily required to perform an annual review of all research, extension, or education activities to the established REE priorities and the adequacy of the funding for these activities.*

10:45 am– 11:30 am

Discussion: FY23 R&A Project Overview and Steps Towards Developing the R&A Report

- Identification of R&A Report Effort
- R&A Committee initiation and outline of next steps

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11:30 am – 12:30 pm	<b>Working Lunch (R&amp;A discussion, continued)</b>
12:30 pm– 2:00 pm	<p><b>Flash Talks: 15 mins each with 15 mins of discussion:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Strengthening NIFA for the Future:</b> - Dr. Dionne Toombs, Associate Director of Programs, will answer Board member questions related to extramural research funding status and future NIFA strategy and program implementation.</li> <li>2. <b>Update on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Access (DEIA) Under Secretary Vilsack’s USDA Leadership</b> - Ms. LTonya Davis, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, and Dr. Dewayne Goldman, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Racial Equity will provide a status of these internal and external/programmatic efforts at USDA.</li> <li>3. <b>Scientific Integrity ‘101’ – Dr. William Trenkle</b>, the Departmental Scientific Integrity Officer and Senior Advisor on Scientific Integrity, will provide an overview of USDA’s Scientific Integrity policies and procedures as well as activities ongoing across the government.</li> </ol>
2:00 pm– 2:30 pm	<b>Discussion: 10 min leader “Report Outs” from sessions above</b>
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	<b>Break</b>
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	<b>Discussion: How Can Above Session Learnings Translate into NAREEE Board FY23/FY24 Recommendations</b>
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>Remarks: Public Comment</b>
4:00 pm – 4:15 pm	<b>Remarks: Next Board Meeting Forecast / Meeting Closing Remarks / Adjourn – Kate Lewis</b>