

FACA Executive Order and OEAB Membership Status



FACA Executive Order

Executive Order 13875 requires agencies to:

- Review all FACA committees and evaluate the need for all not required by law

- Eliminate one-third of these

and,

- Establishes a limit government-wide of 350 FACA boards

FACA Executive Order

OMB implementing guidance requires agencies to review all FACA boards and recommend continuation or termination by 30 September:

- For discretionary committees: eliminate one-third (with some exceptions)
- For Presidential committees: recommend action
- For statutory committees: recommendation action, including draft legislation to terminate if appropriate.

NOAA FACA Boards

Committee	Type	Status
Sustained National Climate Assessment	Agency	Terminated (2017)
Commercial Remote Sensing	Agency	Active
Hydrographic Services	Statutory	Active
Marine Fisheries	Secretarial	Active
Marine Protected Areas	Presidential	Active
National Sea Grant	Statutory	Active
Science Advisory Board	Agency	Active
Ocean Exploration Advisory Board	Statutory	Active
Integrated Ocean Observing System	Statutory	Active

Impact on OEAB

- OEAB is a statutory FACA board established under 33 USC 3405. It does not expire.
- However, OMB guidance required NOAA to recommend whether to continue the OEAB by 1 August 2019
- DFO recommendations submitted to NOAA leadership on 3 July
- Process is chaotic, and ongoing. There is no indication NOAA or DOC will advise that the OEAB be terminated.



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- All 12 OEAB members began terms on 30 June 2014 on staggered terms of three, four, or five years
- All OEAB members whose terms have expired have elected to renew for an additional three-year term
- VADM Gaffney was not replaced when he resigned
- Dr. Austin has just resigned

OEAB Terms

- Members Hume and German's terms end on June 2022
- Members Kreider, Demopolous, and Lim's terms expire June 2021
- Members Dixon, Towers, Lang, Rikoski, and Nye's second terms end June 2020

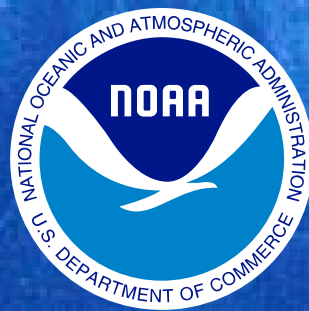
OEAB Terms

- The OEAB balance plan calls for members that are experts in “fields relevant to ocean exploration, including ocean scientists, engineers, technical experts, and experts in education and communications”
- Sector, geographic, gender, ethnic diversity are considerations but secondary to expertise
- The DFO and OER Director make recommendations to the NOAA Administrator based NOAA requirements, and these factors,

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- The OEAB may assess its expertise and other factors the balance plan identifies and make recommendations to the NOAA Administrator
- The NOAA Administrator, however, decides whom to appoint based on OER and DFO recommendations and other inputs (such as those provided by the OEAB).

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