

**Ocean Exploration Advisory Board
Meeting 24
February 29, 2024**

Agenda

Meeting Objective: OEAB members will have a detailed discussion about how they plan to address the request from the NOAA Administrator. They've been asked to think deeply about the current state of ocean exploration and to consider new and innovative ways NOAA can achieve its goals. Additionally, members will be updated on the preparations for how NOAA Ocean Exploration is planning for its next big exploration Campaign: Beyond the Blue: Illuminating the Pacific.

Meeting Outcomes: Board members will 1) have a better understanding of NOAA Ocean Exploration's plans for the Beyond the Blue: Illuminating the Pacific Campaign and 2) select a set of consensus recommendations to provide the NOAA Administrator.

Location: Virtual Meeting

Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm EST

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12:00 pm - 12:05 pm	Review the Agenda and Opening Remarks <u>Purpose:</u> Bring the event to order, welcome participants, and define expectations and outcomes. <u>Outcome:</u> All participants will be prepared to work productively during the meeting. <u>Process:</u> Oral remarks	Dr. Vicki Ferrini, Chair David Turner, DFO
12:05 pm - 12:20 pm	Ethics Training <u>Purpose:</u> Members will receive an overview of ethics policies as they relate to advisory board positions and special government employee status. <u>Outcome:</u> Board members will be informed on federal advisory board ethics policies. <u>Process:</u> Presentation and Q&A	Laura Trevisani, Attorney-Advisor, Ethics Law and Programs Office

12:20 pm - 12:35 pm	<p>Beyond the Blue: Illuminating the Pacific</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> Brief Members on planning for the program’s upcoming exploration work in the Pacific region.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Members will be well informed on NOAA Ocean Exploration plans for 2024-2025.</p> <p><u>Process:</u> Presentation and Q&A</p>	Rachel Medley, Chief, Expeditions and Exploration
12:35 pm - 2:00 pm	<p>Working Session for Board Members</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> OEAB Members will discuss outcomes from its three Working Groups (WG) formed around the themes of People, Data and Partnerships.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Consider WG outcomes and coalesce draft key points into a set of recommendations for the NOAA Administrator.</p> <p><u>Process:</u> Discussion</p>	<p><u>WG Report Outs</u></p> <p>David Turner, DFO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Ellen Prager (People WG) ● Dr. Frank Muller-Karger (Data WG) ● Eric King (Partnerships WG)
2:00 pm - 2:15 pm	Break	
2:15 pm - 3:45 pm	<p>Working Session for Board Members</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> Continue discussion on draft key recommendations for the NOAA Administrator.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Board will have produced a draft final list of key recommendations and next steps for preparing their presentation on May 15, 2024.</p> <p><u>Process:</u> Discussion</p>	Dr. Vicki Ferrini, Chair
3:45 pm - 4:00 pm	Public Comment Period	David Turner, DFO
4:00 pm	Adjourn the Meeting	Dr. Vicki Ferrini, Chair