

**Ocean Exploration Advisory Board  
Meeting 27  
October 9 and 10, 2024  
NOAA SSMC3, Room 4527**

**Agenda**

**Meeting Objective:** OEAB Members will conduct a program review to consider the past five years of NOAA Ocean Exploration’s program activities, with a focus on three critical areas:

- 1) The development of a coordinated national program of ocean exploration;
- 2) The promotion of technological innovations and applications, and
- 3) The promotion of public understanding and engagement with ocean exploration topics.

**Meeting Outcomes:** 1) OEAB members will hear from NOAA Ocean Exploration staff about the Quality, Relevance, and Performance of the organization’s scientific, operational, and programmatic activities over the previous 5-year rating period and will be prepared to provide findings and recommendations, to NOAA executive-level leadership, for how the Program can improve its mission functions. .

**Physical Location:** NOAA Silver Spring Campus, 1315 East West Hwy, Silver Spring, MD

**Virtual Access:**

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**Retreat Notes:**

**Day 1 October 9, 2024**

9:00 am - 9:10 am	<b>Review the Agenda and Opening Remarks</b>	Dr. Vicki Ferrini, Chair  David Turner, DFO
9:10 am - 9:15 am	<b>Approve Minutes from Meeting #26</b>	David Turner, DFO
9:15 am - 9:45 am	<b>Preview Recommendations and Advice Letter to Dr. Spinrad</b>	Dr. Vicki Ferrini, Chair
9:45 am - 10:00 am	<b>Review Results from FY2020 Program Review and Define the Evaluation Criteria for the FY2025 Review</b>	David Turner, Senior Advisor, NOAA Ocean Exploration
10:00 am - 10:45 am	<b>NOAA Ocean Exploration: Director’s Comments</b>	Jeremy Weirich, Director,

		NOAA Ocean Exploration
10:45 pm - 11:00 am	<b>Break</b>	
11:00 am - 11:45 am	<b>Focus Area #1: “Ensuring a Coordinated Program of National Ocean Exploration” (Quality)</b>	Open Board Discussion with NOAA Ocean Exploration Staff
11:45 am - 12:15 pm	<b>Focus Area #1: “Ensuring a Coordinated Program of National Ocean Exploration” (Relevance)</b>	Open Board Discussion with NOAA Ocean Exploration Staff
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:15 pm - 2:00 pm	<b>Focus Area #1: “Ensuring a Coordinated Program of National Ocean Exploration” (Performance)</b>	Open Board Discussion with NOAA Ocean Exploration Staff
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	<b>Focus Area #3: Enhancing Public Engagement and Education (Quality)</b>	Open Board Discussion with NOAA Ocean Exploration Staff
2:45 pm - 3:00 pm	<b>Break</b>	
3:00 pm - 3:45 pm	<b>Focus Area #3: Enhancing Public Engagement and Education (Relevance)</b>	Open Board Discussion with NOAA Ocean Exploration Staff
3:45 pm - 4:00 pm	<b>Adjourn the Meeting for Day 1</b>	Dr. Vicki Ferrini, Chair  David Turner, DFO

**Day 2 October 10, 2024**

9:00 am - 9:15 am	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	Dr. Vicki Ferrini, Chair  David Turner, DFO
9:15 am - 9:45 am	<b>Focus Area #3: Enhancing Public Engagement and Education (Performance)</b>	Open Board Discussion with

		NOAA Ocean Exploration Staff
9:45 am - 10:45 am	<b>Focus Area #2: Advancing Technological Innovation in Ocean Exploration (Quality)</b>	Open Board Discussion with NOAA Ocean Exploration Staff
10:45 am - 11:00 am	<b>Break</b>	
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	<b>Focus Area #2: Advancing Technological Innovation in Ocean Exploration (Relevance)</b>	Open Board Discussion with NOAA Ocean Exploration Staff
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm	<b>Focus Area #2: Advancing Technological Innovation in Ocean Exploration (Performance)</b>	Open Board Discussion with NOAA Ocean Exploration Staff
1:45 pm - 2:45 pm	<b>Working Session for the Board Members: Initial Reactions and Deliberations</b>	Open Board Discussion with NOAA Ocean Exploration Staff
2:45 pm - 3:00 pm	<b>Public Comment Period</b>	David Turner, DFO
3:00 pm	<b>Adjourn the Meeting</b>	Dr. Vicki Ferrini, Chair David Turner, DFO