

OFFICIAL MINUTES

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY
CLOSED MEETING REPORT of the
DEFENSE POLICY BOARD
Under Section 10 (d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act

The Defense Policy Board (DPB) met on September 11 and 12, 2023, at the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. The objective of the meeting was to receive classified briefings and hold classified discussions to understand the long-term impact of hypothetical People's Republic of China coercion across the Taiwan Strait to regional and global strategic interests, including implications for U.S. alliances in the Indo-Pacific and around the world. The Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Policy addressed the DPB, and the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense attended the outbrief from the Board. The Board received briefings from senior officials of the Department of Defense, the Department of Commerce, and the Federal Reserve. The meeting was closed to the public pursuant to the provision of Section 552(b)(c)(1), Title 5, United States Code. The determination was based on the consideration that the discussion involved classified information.

Meeting Attendance:

Board Members

1. The Honorable Janine A. Davidson, PhD., Chair
2. Colonel Herman E. Bulls, U.S. Army Reserves (Ret.)
3. Ambassador Eric S. Edelman
4. The Honorable Michèle Flournoy
5. Mr. Richard Fontaine
6. Ambassador Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.
7. General John "Jack" Keane, U.S. Army (Ret.)
8. Dr. Henry Kissinger, PhD
9. Ms. Anja L. Manuel, J.D.
10. Dr. Michael O'Hanlon, PhD.
11. Hon. Buddie J. Penn
12. Mr. Rexon Ryu
13. Hon Rajiv Shah, MD.
14. Hon Dana Smith
15. Dr. Kori N. Schake, PhD.
16. Mr. H. Patrick Swygert, J.D.
17. Dr. Caitlin Talmadge, PhD.

Speakers and Presenters

1. Hon Sasha Baker, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Policy
2. Hon Mara Karlin, Performing the Duties of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy
3. Hon Ely Ratner, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs
4. Hon Alan Estevez, Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security
5. Admiral John Aquilino, U.S. Navy, Commander, United States Indo-Pacific Command
6. Hon Michael McCord, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer
8. Hon Susanna Blume, Director, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation (CAPE) in the Office of the Secretary of Defense
9. Dr. Nicholas Sly, Vice President and Denver Branch Executive for the Kansas City Federal Reserve
10. Hon William LaPlante, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment
11. Lieutenant General Dagvin Anderson, U.S. Air Force, Director for Joint Force Development



Dr. Janine A. Davidson
Chair



Lt Col Jesse Humpal
Designated Federal Official