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Meeting No. 3 on New Frontiers Mission List Review**

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Virtual Meeting

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AGENDA

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024

OPEN SESSION

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- 10:00 AM** **Welcome and Introductions** *Dr. Martha Gilmore, CAPS Co-Chair /
Dr. Karyn Rogers, CAPS Co-Chair*
- 10:05 AM** **Panel of Planetary Science Community Forums Leadership**
(15 minute introductions & 60 minute discussion period)
Panelists: *Dr. Lori Feaga, Chair, Small Bodies Assessment Group (SBAG)
Dr. Ben Greenhagen, Chair, Lunar Exploration Analysis Group (LEAG)
Dr. Amanda Hendrix, Chair, Outer Planets Assessment Group (OPAG)
Dr. Noam Izenberg, Chair, Venus Exploration Analysis Group (VEXAG)*
- 12:00 PM** *Meeting Adjourns to Closed Session (or at a time at the discretion of the Chair)*

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STATEMENT OF TASK

Task Initiated on 25 January 2024

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine will address the following questions:

- Has scientific understanding or external factors, such as programmatic developments or technological advances, significantly changed since the New Frontiers 5 (NF-5) mission themes or New Frontiers 6 (NF-6) mission themes were evaluated by most recent planetary science and astrobiology decadal survey, Origins, Worlds, and Life (OWL)?
- Has scientific understanding or external factors, such as programmatic developments or technological advances, been sufficiently substantial since the 2011 Visions to Voyages decadal survey to warrant reconsidering or removing any of these mission themes?
- Given that NASA anticipates the next New Frontiers Announcement of Opportunity (AO) will be released no earlier than 2026, should NASA use the mission themes provided in the draft NF-5 AO (released 1 September 2023), the NF-6 mission themes as provided in OWL, or a hybrid of the these

