

Agenda for BHEW Fall Board Meeting 2024

Board on Higher Education and Workforce

FRIDAY OCTOBER 11, 2024

OPEN SESSION Reimagining the National Defense Education Act: Policies for a National Higher Education and STEM Talent Strategy

12:45 – 1:00 PM ET Framing from the National Science Board

The speaker will review the position of the National Science Board and the motivations behind exploring a new NDEA.

- Darío Gil, Chair of the NSB; Senior Vice President and Director of IBM Research

1:00 – 2:00 PM ET Panel: Understanding the Context

The panelists will provide some additional framing and an overview of the context behind the current policy discussions in this space, such as: What was the NDEA of 1958? What would a National Higher Education or STEM Talent Strategy be today? Why now?

Maria Lund Dahlberg, Director, Board on Higher Education and Workforce (Moderator)

- Hironao Okahana, Assistant Vice President & Executive Director of Education Futures Lab at the American Council on Education
- Suzanne Barbour, Dean of The Graduate School, Vice Provost, and Professor of Cell Biology at Duke University School of Medicine
- Julie Posselt, Professor of Higher Education at Rossier School of Education at the University of Southern California

2:00 – 2:15 PM ET BREAK

2:15 – 3:00 PM ET Relevant Recent Reports and Projects from the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine

The panelists will review recent reports and projects which have touched on the relevant evidence base

- André Porter, Senior Program Officer, Board on Higher Education and Workforce
- Sarah Rovito, Senior Program Officer, Committee on Science, Engineering, Medicine, and Public Policy
- Tom Wang, Senior Director, U.S. Science and Innovation Policy

3:00 – 3:15 PM ET BREAK

3:15 – 4:15 PM ET Reflections on Feasibility and Factors for Implementation

The panelists will consider and reflect on some of the more practical considerations – such as how to get industry buy in to education and workforce policy reforms, what are the political levers that need to be engaged, and what level of education attainment should be the focus for this type of policy

Keivan Stassun, Stevenson Chair in Physics & Astronomy at Vanderbilt University (Moderator)

- Austin Hall, Director of Policy for the STEM Education Coalition
- Frank Avery, Managing Director for Partnerships, Business-Higher Education Forum
- Olivia Blackmon, Director of Oak Ridge Associated Universities STEM Accelerator
- Julia Jester, Deputy Vice President for Government Relations and Public Policy at The Association of American Universities

4:15 – 4:30 PM ET Concluding Remarks

Maria Lund Dahlberg, Director, Board on Higher Education and Workforce (Moderator)

CLOSED SESSION