President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology

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Agenda
Public Meeting #1
September 28-29, 2021
VIRTUAL MEETING
(All times EDT)

Tuesday, September 28, 2021, Day 1

PCAST PUBLIC MEETING (10:00 AM TO 12:30 PM)

10:00 am  Welcome and Introduction of PCAST Members
PCAST Co-Chairs: Frances Arnold, Eric Lander, Maria Zuber

10:20 am  Overview of President Biden’s Science and Technology Agenda
PCAST Co-Chairs: Eric Lander, Frances Arnold, Maria Zuber

10:30 am  Session I: Strengthening US Science & Technology Global Leadership for the 21st Century

Session Moderator: Maria Zuber
I.A. The Global Environment
Richard Danzig, Secretary of the Navy (ret.)

10:50 am  Discussion with PCAST Members

Jonathan Gruber, Ford Professor of Economics, MIT
Maryann Feldman, Heninger Distinguished Professor, UNC
Bill Bonvillian, Lecturer, MIT

12:00 noon  Discussion with PCAST Members

12:30 pm  LUNCH BREAK

AFTERNOON PUBLIC MEETING (1:35 PM TO 3:15 PM)

1:35 pm  Session I: Strengthening US Science and Technology Global Leadership for the 21st Century, continued

Session Moderator: Maria Zuber

1:40 pm  I.C Agency Approaches to New Resources, Innovation, Workforce and Competition

Bindu Nair, Director of Basic Research, DOD
Don Graves, Deputy Secretary, DOC
Sethuraman Panchanathan, Director, NSF

2:45 pm  Discussion with PCAST Members

3:15 pm  Afternoon Public Meeting Adjourns
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Wednesday, September 29, 2021, Day 2

MORNING PUBLIC MEETING (10:00 AM TO 12:40 PM)

10:00 am Welcome

PCAST Co-Chairs: Frances Arnold, Eric Lander, Maria Zuber

10:10 am Session II: The State of US Preparedness and Public Health as Revealed by the Pandemic

Session Moderator: Frances Arnold

II.A Assessment of Global Preparedness in late 2019

Elizabeth Cameron, Sr. Director, Global Health Security and Biodefense, NSC

II.B The US Public Health System’s Response

Georges Benjamin, Executive Director, American Public Health Association

10:40 am Discussion with PCAST Members

11:10 am II.C The Federal Response

Scott Gottlieb, Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
Anne Schuchat, Principal Deputy Director, CDC, (ret)
Terry Adirim, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, DOD
Andy Slavitt, Founding Director, Town Hall Ventures

12:10 pm Discussion with PCAST Members

12:40 pm LUNCH BREAK
AFTERNOON PUBLIC MEETING (1:30 PM TO 4:00 PM)

1:30 pm Session II: The State of US Preparedness and Public Health as Revealed by the Pandemic, continued

Session Moderator: Frances Arnold

II.D The View From the States

Mandy Cohen, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, North Carolina
Charity Dean, CEO, Public Health Company
Joshua Sharfstein, Vice Dean for Public Health Practice and Community Engagement, Professor Practice, Johns Hopkins University

2:15 pm Discussion with PCAST Members

2:45 pm II.E Essential Partnerships: Government-University-Industry

Stephane Bancel, CEO, Moderna
Karen DeSalvo, Chief Health Officer, Google

3:15 pm Discussion with PCAST Members

3:45 pm Public Comments

3:55 pm Afternoon Public Meeting Adjourns