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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 in a closed meeting on June 26th and 27th, 2024, at the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia to evaluate the Department of Defense's (DoD's) preparedness, posture, and ability to execute a full or total mobilization in a protracted conflict. The DPB received briefings from senior DoD leaders and examined the Department's mobilization policies and plans. After thorough deliberations, the DPB then provided its independent recommendations to DoD regarding changes to DoD authorities, policies, structures, and oversight mechanisms, as well as options for prioritizing and sequencing competing demands for active and reserve components, equipment, assets, industrial capacity, and resources, to better execute a large-scale mobilization. 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.

DPB Members in Attendance

- 1. HON Janine A. Davidson, PhD., Chair
- 2. Mr. Herman Bulls
- 3. Dr. Victor Cha
- 4. AMB Eric S. Edelman, PhD
- 5. HON Michèle Flournoy
- 6. Mr. Richard Fontaine
- 7. GEN John "Jack" Keane (Ret.)
- 8. Dr. Michael O'Hanlon
- 9. HON BJ Penn
- 10. Dr. Rajiv Shah
- 11. Dr. Kori N. Schake
- 12. Mr. H. Patrick Swygert, J.D.
- 13. Dr. Caitlin Talmadge

Speakers and Presenters

- 1. HON Lloyd Austin
- 2. Ms. Amanda Dory
- 3. Ms. Madeline Mortelmans
- 4. Ms. Rebecca Zimmerman
- 5. HON Shawn Skelly
- 6. HON William LaPlante, PhD
- 7. GEN Daniel Hokanson
- 8. Lt Gen Dagvin Anderson
- 9. VADM Eugene H. Black III
- 10. LTG Patrick Matlock
- 11. ADM Samuel Paparo

Dr. Janine A. Davidson

Chair

Mr. James Benkowski Designated Federal Officer