

Government Accountability and Transparency Board

A meeting of the Government Accountability and Transparency Board (GAT Board) was held at the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board (Recovery Board) Office in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. and continued until 10:25 a.m.

ATTENDEES:

Board Members:

Richard Ginman, Chairman and Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, U.S. Department of Defense

Allison Lerner, Inspector General, National Science Foundation

Daniel Levinson, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

David Mader, Controller, Office of Management and Budget

Kathleen S. Tighe, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Education

Agency Staff:

Brett Baker, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, National Science Foundation

Ross Bezark, Executive Director, GAT Board and Recovery Board

Kay Daly, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Nancy Gunderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grants and Acquisition Policy, U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services

Amy Haseltine, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Policy, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Karen Lee, Chief of Management Controls and Assistance Branch, Office of Management and Budget

Keith Maddox, Special Assistant, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Inspector General

Karen Pica, Management Analyst, Office of Management and Budget

Atticus Reaser, General Counsel, Recovery Board

LeAntha Sumpter, Deputy Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Program Development and Implementation, U.S. Department of Defense

Cynthia Williams, GAT Board Secretary, Recovery Board

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Ginman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. By unanimous vote, the members present approved the minutes of the January 21, 2015, meeting.

Mr. Mader informed the members that the Office of Management and Budget has concurred with the GAT Board's recommendation to transition GAT Board responsibilities to the DATA Act Interagency Advisory Committee (IAC) and add to the IAC's composition representation from the Inspector General (IG) Community. Mr. Mader also informed the members that a new Executive Order would be issued to reflect the change. Ms. Lerner commented that the recommendation was also approved by the Chair of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. Ms. Tighe informed the members that she, Ms. Lerner, and Mr. David Williams would represent the IG community on the IAC.

Next, the members discussed the disposition of GAT Board records. Mr. Reaser reported the results of his discussion with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) regarding GAT Board records management. He informed the members that proper disposition of the records would depend on whether the GAT Board is subject to the Presidential Records Act or the Federal Records Act. Mr. Mader agreed to consult with the White House Counsel's Office for an official determination.¹

The members also discussed potential custodians of the records should they be governed by the Federal Records Act. Mr. Ginman remarked that in the interest of transparency, the records currently available to the public should remain publicly available. Mr. Reaser agreed to seek additional guidance from NARA and work with the designated GAT Board records custodian.

A brief discussion of the GAT Board annual report ensued. Mr. Ginman thanked the members and the working group principals for their contributions to the document. The members reviewed the document and agreed to a few minor edits. Mr. Ginman stated his office would forward the updated document to the members for a final review before publishing it on Recovery.gov.

This concluded the final meeting of the GAT Board.

Cynthia Williams
Secretary

¹ The White House Counsel's Office determined GAT Board records were covered under the Federal Records Act.