Charter
Board of Advisors to the Presidents of the Naval
Postgraduate School and the Naval War College

1. **Committee’s Official Designation:** The committee shall be known as the Board of Advisors to the Presidents of the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College (“the Board”).

2. **Authority:** The Secretary of Defense, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and 41 C.F.R. § 102-3.50(d), established this discretionary Board.

3. **Objectives and Scope of Activities:** The Board shall examine and advise on matters pertaining to the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College, as set out in (4) below.

4. **Description of Duties:** The Board shall provide independent advice to the Secretary of Defense and/or the Deputy Secretary of Defense, through the Secretary of the Navy and other Navy Component Heads as determined by the Secretary of the Navy, on matters relating to the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College. These matters included, but are not limited to, organizational management, curricula and methods of instruction, facilities, and other matters of interest.

5. **Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports:** The Board shall report to the Secretary of the Navy, through the Chief of Naval Operations and the Presidents of the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College. The Secretary of the Navy may act upon the Board’s advice and recommendations.

6. **Support:** The Department of Defense, (DoD), through the Office of the Secretary of the Navy, the Naval Postgraduate School, and the Naval War College, shall provide support for the Board’s performance and shall ensure compliance with the requirements of the FACA, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b, as amended) (“the Sunshine Act”), governing Federal statutes and regulations, and established DoD policies and procedures.

7. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years:** The estimated annual operating cost, to include travel, meetings, and contracting support, is approximately $250,000. The estimated annual personnel cost to the DoD is 1.0 full-time equivalent.

8. **Designated Federal Officer:** The Board’s Designated Federal Officer (DFO), pursuant to DoD policy, shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee designated in accordance with DoD policies and procedures.

The Board’s DFO is required to be in attendance at all Board and any subcommittee meetings for the entire duration of each and every meeting; however, in the absence of the DFO, a properly approved Alternate DFO, designated in accordance with DoD policies and procedures, shall attend the entire duration of the Board or subcommittee meetings.

The DFO, or the Alternate DFO, shall call all of the Board’s and subcommittees’ meetings; prepare and approve all meeting agendas; and adjourn any meeting when the DFO or Alternate DFO determines adjournment to be in the public’s interest or required by governing regulations or DoD policies/procedures.
9. **Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:** The Board shall meet at the call of the Board’s DFO, in consultation with the Chair. The estimated number of Board meetings is one per year.

10. **Duration:** The need for this advisory function is on a continuing basis; however, it is subject to renewal every two years.

11. **Termination:** The Board shall terminate upon completion of its mission or two years from the date this charter is filed, whichever is sooner, unless the Secretary of Defense or designee extends it.

12. **Membership and Designation:** The Board shall be composed of no more than 10 members, who are eminent authorities in the fields of academia, business, national defense and security, the defense industry, and research and analysis. Not less than 50 percent of Board members shall be eminent authorities in the field of academia. The Chief of Naval Personnel/Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education and the Commanding General, Training and Education Command, United States Marine Corps shall serve as ex-officio members of the Board, having voting rights and counting toward the Board’s total membership.

   Membership appointments are authorized by the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense and administratively certified by the Secretary of the Navy for a term of service of one-to-four years, with annual renewals, in accordance with DoD policies and procedures. Board members, who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees, shall be appointed as experts or consultants pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 3109 to serve as special government employee (SGE) members. Board members who are full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees shall be appointed pursuant to 41 C.F.R. § 102-3.130(a) to serve as regular government employee (RGE) members. No member, unless authorized by the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense, may serve more than two consecutive terms of service on the Board, including its subcommittees, or serve on more than two DoD federal advisory committees at one time.

   Consistent with Deputy Secretary of Defense policy, the Secretary of the Navy shall appoint the Chair of the Board from among the members previously appointed according to DoD policies and procedures and, in doing so, shall determine the term of service for the Board’s Chair, which shall not exceed the member’s approved term of service.

   Each Board member is appointed to provide advice on behalf of the government on the basis of his or her best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest.

   With the exception of reimbursement of travel and per diem for official Board-related travel, Board members shall serve without compensation.

13. **Subcommittees:** The DoD, when necessary and consistent with the Board’s mission and DoD policies and procedures, may establish subcommittees, task groups, or working groups.
Establishment of subcommittees will be based upon a written determination, to include terms of reference, by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, or the Secretary of the Navy, as the Board’s sponsor.

The Secretary of the Navy has established two permanent subcommittees:

a. The Naval Postgraduate School Subcommittee shall be comprised of no more than 15 members in the fields of academia, science and technology, operations research, strategic planning, defense analysis, national security, and business and shall focus on the Naval Postgraduate School. Individuals holding the following positions shall serve as ex-officio members of the subcommittee and have voting rights and counting towards the subcommittee’s total membership:
   - the Chief of Naval Personnel/Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education Command;
   - the Commanding General United States Marine Corps Training and Education Command;
   - the Commandant Army War College;
   - the Chief of Naval Research; and
   - the Commander and President of the Air University.
   The subcommittee shall meet a minimum of two times annually.

b. The Naval War College Subcommittee shall be composed of no more than 10 members who are eminent authorities in academia, science and technology, public policy, national security, international relations, political science and economics and shall focus on the Naval War College. The Chief of Naval Personnel/Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education shall serve as an ex-officio member of the subcommittee having voting rights and counting towards the subcommittee’s total membership. The subcommittee shall meet a minimum of two times annually.

Such subcommittees shall not work independently of the Board, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Board for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees have no authority to make decisions, verbally or in writing, on behalf of the Board. Subcommittee members cannot update or report directly to the DoD or to any Federal officer or employee. If a majority of Board members are appointed to a particular subcommittee, then that subcommittee may be required to operate pursuant to the same notice and openness requirements of the FACA which govern the Board’s operations.

Pursuant to Secretary of Defense policy, the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to administratively certify the appointment of subcommittee members if the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense has previously authorized the individual’s appointment to the Board or another DoD advisory committee. If this prior authorization has not occurred, then the individual's subcommittee appointment must first be authorized by the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense and subsequently administratively certified by the Secretary of the Navy.

Subcommittee members may be appointed to a subcommittee for a term of service of one-to-
four years, subject to annual renewals, according to DoD policies and procedures. Subcommittee members, if not full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees, shall be appointed as experts or consultants pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 3109 to serve as SGE members. Subcommittee members who are full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees shall be appointed pursuant to 41 C.F.R. § 102-3.130(a) to serve as RGE members. No subcommittee member, unless authorized by the Secretary of Defense, may serve more than two consecutive terms of service on a subcommittee. With the exception of reimbursement of travel and per diem for official Board-related travel, subcommittee members shall serve without compensation.

The Secretary of the Navy may select and appoint the Chairs of the Naval Postgraduate School Subcommittee to the Board and the Naval War College Subcommittee of the Board from among the subcommittee members previously appointed to serve on the subcommittee in question according to DoD policies and procedures.

Each subcommittee member is appointed to provide advice to the government on the basis of his or her best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest. All subcommittees operate under the provisions of the FACA, the Sunshine Act, governing Federal statutes and regulations, and governing DoD policies and procedures.

14. **Recordkeeping**: The records of the Board and its subcommittees will be managed in accordance with General Record Schedule 6.2, Federal Advisory Committee Records, or other approved agency records disposition schedule, and the appropriate DoD policies and procedures. These records will be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act of 1966 (5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended).

15. **Filing Date**: June 24, 2016