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DATES: Hearing dates are as follows:

1. July 13, 1998, 7:00 p.m., Fallon, Nevada.
2. July 14, 1998, 7:00 p.m., Reno, Nevada.

ADDRESSES: Hearing locations are:

1. Fallon—Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, Nevada.
2. Reno—Airport Plaza Hotel, 1981 Terminal Way, Reno, Nevada.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Samuel L. Dennis at (650) 244-3007.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed action evaluated this DLEIS is the renewal of the withdrawal of approximately 21,576 acres of public land at training range B-20 in Churchill County, Nevada, near Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada. These lands were withdrawn under the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1986 (Public Law [PL] 99-606). As part of this process, the Department of the Navy has prepared a DLEIS to evaluate the potential for significant environmental effects of the proposed action. The DLEIS has been prepared pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act and the Council on Environmental Quality implementing regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508).

The DLEIS has been distributed to various federal, state and local agencies, local group, elected official, special interest groups, and individuals. The DLEIS is also available for review at the following public libraries: Austin Branch Library; Battle Mountain Branch Library; Round Mountain Branch Library; Gabbs City Library; Fallon Churchill County Public Library; Eureka Branch Library; Carson City Library; and Reno Washoe County Public Library.

Two open houses and public hearings will be held for the purpose to receive oral and written comments on the DLEIS. The first open house will be held on Monday, July 13, 1998, at 3:00 to 5:30 p.m., and the public hearing at 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., at the Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, Nevada. The second open house will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 1998, at 3:00 to 5:30 p.m., and the public hearing at 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., at the Airport Plaza Hotel, 1981 Terminal Way, Reno, Nevada. Federal, state and local agencies, and interested individuals are invited to be present or represented at the hearings. Oral comments will be heard and transcribed by a court recorder. To assure accuracy of the

record, all comments should be submitted in writing. All comments, both oral and written, will become part of the public record in the study. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to three minutes. Longer comments should be summarized at the public hearing and mailed to Mr. Samuel Dennis (Code 7031), Engineering Field Activity West, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 900 Commodore Drive, San Bruno, California 94066-5006, fax (650) 244-3206. Written comments are requested not later than September 15, 1998.

Dated: June 12, 1998.

Matthew G. Shirley,
LCDR, JAGC, USN, *Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education; Meeting

AGENCY: National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, Education.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES AND TIMES: June 26, 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Channel Inn Hotel, 650 Water Street, S.W., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Karelis, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3100, ROB #3, Washington, DC. 20202-5175. Telephone: (202) 708-5750. Individuals who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary

Education is established under Section 1001 of the Higher Education Amendments of 1980, Title X (20 U.S.C. 1131a-1). The National Board of the Fund is authorized to recommend to the Director of the Fund and the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education priorities for funding and approval or disapproval of grants of a given kind.

On June 26, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the Board will meet in open session. The proposed agenda for the open portion of the meeting will include a review of the Comprehensive Program priorities, an update of FIPSE targeted competitions, and an update of FIPSE's FY 1998 budget.

On June 26, 1998, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. the meeting will be closed to the public for the purpose of reviewing and recommending grant applications submitted to the Comprehensive Program. This portion of the meeting will be closed under the authority of Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C.A. Appendix 2) and under exemptions (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act (Public law 94-409, 5 U.S.C. 552b (c) (4) and (6)). The review and discussions of the applications and the qualifications of proposed staff to work on these grants are likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential, and to disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in open session.

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability who will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device or materials in an alternate format) should notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the Department will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested auxiliary aid or service may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange it.

A summary of the activities at the closed session and related matters which are informative to the public consistent with the policy of Title 5 U.S.C. 552b will be available to the public within fourteen days of the meeting.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the office of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, Room 3100, Regional Office Building #3, 7th & D Streets, S.W.,

Washington, DC 20202 from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated: June 12, 1998.

David A. Longanecker,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Arbitration Panel Decision Under the Randolph-Sheppard Act

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of Arbitration Panel Decision Under the Randolph-Sheppard Act

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that on January 20, 1998, an arbitration panel rendered a decision in the matter of *Wayne Coxey versus State of Washington Department of Services for the Blind (Docket No. R-S/96-6)*. This panel was convened by the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 107d-1(a), upon receipt of a complaint filed by petitioner, Wayne Coxey.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: A copy of the full text of the arbitration panel decision may be obtained from George F. Arsnow, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3230, Mary E. Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2738. Telephone: (202) 205-9317. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the TDD number at (202) 205-8298.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Randolph-Sheppard Act (20 U.S.C. 107d-2(c)), the Secretary publishes in the **Federal Register** a synopsis of each arbitration panel decision affecting the administration of vending facilities on Federal and other property.

Background

In September 1994 the State Licensing Agency (SLA) offered complainant an opportunity to operate a cafeteria in the Washington State Department of Licenses in Olympia, Washington. Two months after Mr. Coxey began operating the Highway Licenses Building cafeteria, the building's tenant committee began to complain about Mr. Coxey's operation of the vending facility. The complaints included allegedly unsanitary food preparation practices, poor selection of food items, questionable pricing practices, rude service, a disrespectful and disgruntled attitude toward employees and customers, and inconsistent hours. Earlier in the year, because of similar problems with Mr. Coxey at another facility, the SLA barred him from continuing to operate that facility.

Following a meeting among Mr. Coxey, the tenant committee, and the SLA, the cafeteria operation improved. However, by May 1995, the tenant committee complained that the service had again deteriorated to an unsatisfactory level. Subsequently, the building's tenant committee contacted the SLA and again requested improvement in the cafeteria operation.

The SLA met with complainant and prepared a corrective action plan to bring about improvements. The corrective action plan requested that Mr. Coxey improve the following: Hours of operation, health and sanitary practices, food handling and storage, customer and employee relations, consistent refund policy, and the submission to the SLA of timely profit and loss statements.

On September 19, 1995, the SLA met with Mr. Coxey to discuss the implementation of the corrective action plan. Complainant rejected the plan. Following that meeting, the tenant committee requested that the SLA remove Mr. Coxey from the cafeteria. On November 2, 1995, the SLA removed him and on December 22, 1995, the SLA issued to Mr. Coxey a letter sustaining the removal. Mr. Coxey appealed his termination and requested and received a full evidentiary hearing, which was held on January 24, 1996. In an opinion dated February 13, 1996, the Administrative Law Judge affirmed the SLA's decision to suspend Mr. Coxey's operating agreement and remove him from the cafeteria, and on February 27, 1996, the SLA terminated his vending operator's license. It was that decision that Mr. Coxey sought to have reviewed by a Federal arbitration panel. A hearing was held on February 24 and 25, 1997.

Arbitration Panel Decision

The issue before the arbitration panel was whether the SLA acted reasonably and within the scope of its authority under the Act and regulations when it removed Mr. Coxey from the Highway Licenses Building cafeteria and terminated his vending license. On the basis of the evidence presented at the hearing, the majority of the panel ruled that Mr. Coxey was hostile toward every attempt to improve the operation of the cafeteria. The panel further concluded that complainant had rejected the SLA's attempts to have him conform to the SLA's rules and regulations governing the vending facility program in the State of Washington.

The majority of the panel ruled that retaining the complainant as a licensee would jeopardize the credibility of the Randolph-Sheppard program. The panel found that the SLA had acted correctly and within the scope of its authority when it removed Mr. Coxey from the cafeteria and terminated his vending operator's license.

One panel member dissented.

The views and opinions expressed by the panel do not necessarily represent the views and opinions of the U.S. Department of Education.

Dated: June 11, 1998.

Judith E. Heumann,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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