

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Federal Emergency Management Agency****[Docket ID FEMA-2008-0010]****Board of Visitors for the National Fire Academy****AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.**ACTION:** Committee management; notice of open federal advisory committee meeting.**SUMMARY:** The Board of Visitors for the National Fire Academy (Board) will meet on August 28–29, 2017, in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The meeting will be open to the public.**DATES:** The meeting will take place on Monday, August 28, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time and on Tuesday, August 29, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Please note that the meeting may close early if the Board has completed its business.**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Emergency Training Center, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Building H, Room 300, Emmitsburg, Maryland. Members of the public who wish to obtain details on how to gain access to the facility and directions may contact Ruth MacPhail as listed in the**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by close of business August 18, 2017. Photo identification that meets *REAL ID ACT* standards ([https://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/admissions/campus\\_access.html](https://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/admissions/campus_access.html)) is required for access. Members of the public may also participate by teleconference and may contact Ruth MacPhail to obtain the call-in number and access code. For information on services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance, contact Ruth MacPhail as soon as possible.To facilitate public participation, we are inviting public comment on the issues to be considered by the Board as listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY****INFORMATION** section. Comments must be submitted in writing no later than August 18, 2017, must be identified by Docket ID FEMA-2008-0010 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* [FEMA-RULES@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-RULES@fema.dhs.gov). Include the docket number in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery:* Ruth MacPhail, 16825 South Seton Avenue,

Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727, postmarked no later than August 18, 2017.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the words “Federal Emergency Management Agency” and the Docket ID for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received by the National Fire Academy Board of Visitors, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, click on “Advanced Search,” then enter “FEMA-2008-0010” in the “By Docket ID” box, then select “FEMA” under “By Agency,” and then click “Search.”**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:***Alternate Designated Federal Officer:* Kirby E. Kiefer, telephone (301) 447-1181, email [Kirby.Kiefer@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Kirby.Kiefer@fema.dhs.gov).*Logistical Information:* Ruth MacPhail, telephone (301) 447-1333 and email [Ruth.Macphail@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Ruth.Macphail@fema.dhs.gov).**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board will meet on Monday, August 28, and Tuesday, August 29, 2017. The meeting will be open to the public. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App.**Purpose of the Board**

The purpose of the Board is to review annually the programs of the National Fire Academy (Academy) and advise the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the United States Fire Administrator, on the operation of the Academy and any improvements therein that the Board deems appropriate. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Board examines Academy programs to determine whether these programs further the basic missions that are approved by the Administrator of FEMA, examines the physical plant of the Academy to determine the adequacy of the Academy’s facilities, and examines the funding levels for Academy programs. The Board submits a written annual report through the United States Fire Administrator to the Administrator of FEMA. The report provides detailed comments and recommendations regarding the operation of the Academy.

**Agenda**

On Monday, August 28, 2017, there will be three sessions, with deliberations and voting at the end of each session as necessary. The Board will conduct a swearing in of new Board members and will then select a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for

Fiscal Year 2018. The Board will also receive annual ethics training and will tour the campus facility.

1. The Board will discuss deferred maintenance and capital improvements on the National Emergency Training Center campus and Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Request/Budget Planning.

2. The Board will deliberate and vote on recommendations on Academy program activities, including:

- Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) Recognition Program update, a certification program acknowledging that a collegiate emergency services degree meets the minimum standards of excellence established by FESHE development committees and the Academy;

- The National Professional Development Summit Report held on June 14–17, 2017, which brought national training and education audiences together for their annual conference and support initiatives;

- The Managing Officer Program progress report, a multiyear curriculum that introduces emerging emergency services leaders to personal and professional skills in change management, risk reduction, and adaptive leadership;

- Program application selection results;

- The Executive Fire Officer (EFO) Program Symposium held April 21–22–23, 2017, an annual event for alumni which recognizes outstanding applied research completed by present EFO Program participants, recognizes recent EFO Program graduates, provides high-quality presentations offered by private and public sector representatives, facilitates networking between EFO Program graduates, promotes further dialog between EFO Program graduates and U.S. Fire Administrator and National Fire Academy faculty and staff;

- The EFO Program review initiative;
- Curriculum development and revision updates for Academy courses;
- Discussion on the approval process for state-specific courses;

- Online mediated instruction program update;

- Distance learning program update;
- Staffing update.

3. The Board will receive activity reports on the National Fire Incident Reporting System Subcommittee, the Professional Development Initiative Subcommittee, and four EFO Program Subcommittees: Admissions, Curriculum, Delivery and Design, and Evaluations and Outcomes.

On Tuesday, August 29, 2017, the Board will receive updates on U.S. Fire Administration data, research, and response support initiatives and will

conduct classroom visits. The Board will also engage in an annual report writing session. Deliberations or voting may occur as needed during the report writing session.

There will be a 10-minute comment period after each agenda item and each speaker will be given no more than 2 minutes to speak. Please note that the public comment period may end before the time indicated, following the last call for comments. Contact Ruth MacPhail to register as a speaker. Meeting materials will be posted at <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/about/bov.html> by August 14, 2017.

Dated: August 4, 2017.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[CIS No. 2604-17; DHS Docket No. USCIS-2017-0003]

### Termination of the Central American Minors Parole Program

**AGENCY:** Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is publishing this notice to notify the public that it will no longer provide special consideration of parole for certain individuals denied refugee status in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras under the Central American Minors (CAM) Parole Program.

**DATES:** Applicable August 16, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maura Nicholson, Deputy Chief, International Operations Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 3300, Washington, DC 20529, Telephone 202-272-1892. (This is not a toll-free number.)

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On December 1, 2014, DHS and the U.S. Department of State (DOS) announced that the U.S. Government would allow certain minors in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras to be considered for refugee status in the United States.<sup>1</sup> This program, known as

the CAM Refugee Program, allows certain parents lawfully present in the United States to request a refugee resettlement interview for unmarried children under 21 years of age, and certain other eligible family members, in Guatemala, El Salvador, or Honduras. The parent in the United States must be lawfully present<sup>2</sup> in order to request that his or her child be provided access to the program and considered for refugee resettlement. In general, under current immigration laws, only lawful permanent residents and U.S. citizens can file family-based immigrant visa petitions. Therefore, many of the qualifying parents under the program are unable to file an immigrant petition for their in-country relatives. INA 204(a); 8 U.S.C. 1154(a). As a result, most of the beneficiaries of the program do not have another process under our immigration laws to enter the United States. On November 15, 2016, the program was expanded to include other qualifying relatives.<sup>3</sup>

Honduras With Parents Lawfully Present in the United States" (Nov. 14, 2014), available at <https://2009-2017.state.gov/j/prm/releases/factsheets/2014/234067.htm>; see also U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Web page, "In-Country Refugee/Parole Processing for Minors in Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala (Central American Minors—CAM)," available at <https://www.uscis.gov/CAM>.

<sup>2</sup> "Lawful presence" refers to presence in the United States within a period of stay authorized by DHS and during which unlawful presence is not accrued for purposes of potential inadmissibility under INA sec. 212(a)(9)(B)–(C); 8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(9)(B)–(C). Note that an individual may be "lawfully present" in the United States without necessarily having "lawful status" (e.g., an individual granted deferred enforced departure, see 8 CFR 274a.12(a)(11)). See, e.g., *Chaudry v. Holder*, 705 F.3d 289, 292 (7th Cir. 2013) ("[Unlawful presence and unlawful status are distinct concepts . . . . It is entirely possible for aliens to be lawfully present (i.e., in a 'period of stay authorized by the [Secretary]') even though their lawful status has expired."). Under the program, qualifying parents include individuals who are at least 18 years of age and lawfully present in the United States in the following categories: lawful permanent resident status, temporary protected status, parolee, deferred action, deferred enforced departure, or withholding of removal.

<sup>3</sup> Beginning with the program's inception in December 2014, additional qualifying relatives have been able to gain access along with the qualifying child. Unmarried children of the qualifying child who are under 21 years of age can be included on the qualifying child's refugee application as a derivative beneficiary. The in-country parent of the qualifying child can also qualify for access to the CAM program if the in-country parent is part of the same household and economic unit as the qualifying child and is the legal spouse of the qualifying parent who is lawfully present in the United States. If the in-country parent who is legally married to the qualifying parent has unmarried children under 21 years of age who are not the children of the qualifying parent, these children can be added as derivatives of the in-country parent.

In July 2016, the CAM program expanded to include the following additional categories of

Qualifying children who were denied refugee status under the CAM Refugee Program were considered by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), a component of DHS, for parole into the United States on a case-by-case basis under the CAM Parole Program. A qualifying child's accompanying parent, sibling, or child who was also denied refugee status was also considered for parole into the United States on a case-by-case basis under the program. If USCIS found a child to be ineligible for refugee status, the decision notice informed the child of whether he or she had been instead conditionally approved for parole into the United States under the CAM Parole Program.

The Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) confers upon the Secretary of Homeland Security the discretionary authority to parole applicants for admission into the United States "temporarily under such conditions as [DHS] may prescribe only on a case-by-case basis for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit," regardless of the individuals' admissibility. INA sec. 212(d)(5)(A); 8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)(A); see 8 CFR 212.5(a) and (c) through (e) (discretionary authority for establishing conditions of parole and for terminating parole). Accordingly, parole determinations are made on a case-by-case basis, taking into account each individual's unique circumstances.

In general, if USCIS favorably exercises its discretion to authorize parole, either USCIS or DOS issues

relatives who are able to apply for admission to the United States as refugees when accompanied by a qualifying child: (1) The in-country biological parent of a qualifying child who is not legally married to the qualifying parent in the United States may apply, and the unmarried and under 21 years of age children and/or legal spouse of the in-country parent can also be included as derivatives of the in-country parent; (2) the caregiver of a qualifying child who is related to either the qualifying parent in the United States or the qualifying child may apply, and the unmarried and under 21 years of age children and/or legal spouse of the caregiver can also be included as derivatives of the caregiver; (3) the married and/or 21 years of age or older children of the qualifying parent (who is lawfully present in the United States) may apply, and (4) the unmarried and under 21 years of age children and legal spouse of the married and/or 21 years of age or older child can also be included as derivatives. See Department of State, Central American Minors (CAM) Program, <https://www.state.gov/j/prm/ra/cam/index.htm>. At the time of the program's original announcement and later expansion, these qualifying relatives of the qualifying child could also be considered for parole on a case-by-case basis, if found ineligible for refugee admission and the accompanying qualifying child received a positive decision of refugee status or parole. The various categories of individuals who may be afforded access to the CAM Refugee Program are subject to change in accordance with the priorities of the U.S. Refugee Program.

<sup>1</sup> See DOS fact sheet, "In-Country Refugee/Parole Program for Minors in El Salvador, Guatemala, and