

**Ocean Exploration Advisory Board  
Meeting 25  
May 14th and 15th, 2024**

**Agenda**

**Meeting Objective:** OEAB Members will 1) hear updates about major NOAA Ocean Exploration Programs; 2) discuss the upcoming FY2025 NOAA Ocean Exploration Program Review; and 3) meet with NOAA Administrator Dr. Richard Spinrad to deliver and discuss a set of recommendations he requested be developed, to advise how Ocean Exploration as a discipline can expand in non-traditional and impactful ways.

**Meeting Outcomes:** 1) OEAB members will have a functional understanding of NOAA Ocean Exploration programmatic activities, accomplishments, strategic intentions; 2) OEAB members will understand the scope of the Program Review requirement and provide input about the shape of that effort; and 3) OEAB members will engage the NOAA Administrator to deliberate the recommendations they provided.

**Location:**

NOAA - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
1315 East West Highway, Room 11836  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
<https://www.noaa.gov/directions-to-noaa>

**Security:**

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**Meeting #24 Minutes:**

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**Day 1 May 14, 2024**

9:00 am - 9:10 am	<b>Review the Agenda and Opening Remarks</b>	Dr. Vicki Ferrini, Chair  David Turner, DFO
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9:10 am - 9:15 am	<b>Approve Minutes from Meeting #24</b>	David Turner, DFO
9:15 am - 9:45 am	<b>Approve Final Recommendations to be Presented to the NOAA Administrator</b>	David Turner, DFO
9:45 am - 10:30 am	<b>Update on NOAA Ocean Exploration</b>	Jeremy Weirich, Director, NOAA Ocean Exploration
10:30 am - 10:45 am	<b>Break</b>	
10:45 am - 11:15 am	<b>Briefing about the NOAA Ship Discoverer: NOAA's Next Generation Ocean Exploration Vessel</b>	Jeremy Weirich, Director, NOAA Ocean Exploration
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	<b>FY 2025 NOAA Ocean Exploration Program Review</b>	David Turner, Senior Advisor NOAA Ocean Exploration and DFO
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	<b>Overview of the <i>Beyond the Blue: Illuminating the Pacific</i> Campaign and FY24/25 Expedition schedule</b>	Rachel Medley, Chief, Expedition and Exploration Division
2:30 pm - 2:45 pm	<b>Break</b>	
2:45 pm - 3:15 pm	<b>Briefing about NOAA's Center of Excellence for Operational Ocean and Great Lakes Mapping.</b>	Shannon Hoy, Expedition Coordinator Team Lead
3:15 pm - 4:00 pm	<b>Working Session for the Board Members: Discussion of Day One Sessions</b>	Dr. Vicki Ferrini, Chair
4:00 pm	<b>Adjourn the Meeting</b>	Dr. Vicki Ferrini, Chair  David Turner, DFO

**Day 2 May 15, 2023**

9:00 am - 9:15 am	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	Dr. Vicki Ferrini, Chair  David Turner, DFO
9:15 am - 9:45 am	<b>Working Session for the Board Members: Follow-Up Activities from Day One Sessions</b>	Dr. Vicki Ferrini, Chair
9:45 am - 10:45 am	<b>Working Session for the Board Members: Goals for FY25</b>	Dr. Vicki Ferrini, Chair
10:45 am - 11:00 am	<b>Break</b>	
11:00 am - 11:30 pm	<b>Working Session for the Board Members: Review of Recommendations to the NOAA Administrator</b>	Dr. Vicki Ferrini, Chair
11:30 pm - 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm	<b>Remarks from Dr. Richard Spinrad, NOAA Administrator</b>	Dr. Richard Spinrad, NOAA Administrator
1:45 pm - 2:15 pm	<b>Remarks from Dr. Steve Thur, Assistant Administrator, NOAA Research</b>	Dr. Steve Thur, Assistant Administrator, NOAA Research
2:15 pm - 2:30 pm	<b>Break</b>	
2:30 pm- 4:30 pm	<b>Presentation of Recommendations to NOAA Administrator and Open Discussion</b>	Dr. Vicki Ferrini, Chair
4:30 pm - 4:45 pm	<b>Public Comment Period</b>	David Turner, DFO
4:45 pm	<b>Adjourn the Meeting</b>	Dr. Vicki Ferrini, Chair  David Turner, DFO