



# Department of Defense

## **DIRECTIVE**

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SUBJECT: DoD Senior Governance Councils

References: See Enclosure 1

### 1. PURPOSE

#### a. This Directive:

(1) Establishes policy and administrative guidance for the Defense Senior Leadership Conference (DSLCC), the Senior Leader Review Group (SLRG), and the Deputy's Advisory Working Group (DAWG) pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense by section 113 of title 10, United States Code (Reference (a)).

(2) Supersedes Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum (Reference (b)) and DoD Directive (DoDD) 5105.66 (Reference (c)).

b. Nothing in this Directive limits the authorities or responsibilities of the Secretary or Deputy Secretary of Defense established in statute or in DoDD 5105.02 (Reference (d)).

2. APPLICABILITY. This Directive applies to OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as the "DoD Components").

### 3. ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP

a. The Secretary of Defense chairs meetings of the DSLCC and is assisted by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff with members listed in Enclosure 2. Membership may vary at the discretion of the Secretary of Defense.

b. The Secretary of Defense chairs meetings of the SLRG and is assisted by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff with members listed in Enclosure 3. Membership may vary at the discretion of the Secretary of Defense. Combatant Commanders may be invited to attend SLRG meetings that address topics affecting their respective Combatant Commands.

c. The Deputy Secretary of Defense chairs meetings of the DAWG and is assisted by the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff with members listed in Enclosure 4. Membership may vary at the discretion of the Deputy Secretary of Defense. Combatant Commanders may be invited to attend DAWG meetings that address topics affecting their respective Combatant Commands.

4. POLICY. It is DoD policy that:

a. The DSLC, SLRG, and DAWG are the principal integrated civilian–military governance bodies of the Department.

b. The management and oversight of DoD Component activities shall be conducted in a transparent and collaborative manner to promote unity of effort; effective support to Combatant Commands; integration of civilian and military perspectives; the efficient and effective development, coordination, and implementation of DoD policies and programs; and the timely sharing of information on matters of mutual interest.

c. Members of the DSLC, SLRG, and DAWG shall express their views openly in an environment of non-attribution.

d. The DSLC shall meet at least semi-annually to address broad, cross-cutting issues affecting OSD, the Military Departments, the Combatant Commands, and the Interagency. The DSLC shall provide advice and assistance on strategic issues to the Secretary of Defense.

e. The SLRG shall meet at the discretion of the Secretary of Defense to address DoD issues and priorities of the highest level. The SLRG shall provide advice and assistance to the Secretary of Defense on the strategic direction of the Department.

f. The DAWG shall meet at the discretion of the Deputy Secretary of Defense to provide advice and assistance to the Deputy Secretary of Defense on matters pertaining to DoD enterprise management, business transformation, and operations; and strategic level coordination and integration of planning, programming, budgeting, execution, and assessment activities of the Department.

g. Matters involving Special Access Program information shall be addressed consistent with DoD policy established for that purpose, under DoDD 5205.07 (Reference (e)).

## 5. ADMINISTRATION

a. Agendas for the DSLC, SLRG, and the DAWG shall be announced by their respective Executive Secretary in consultation with the members of these councils, or as determined by the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense.

b. Issues presented to the DAWG shall be vetted with one of the Department's functional oversight committees, as identified in Enclosure 5, or through a Department-wide or Interagency equivalent group before they are addressed by the DAWG. For example, presentations that address Future Years Defense Plan matters should normally first be vetted by the 3-Star Programmers.

c. Guidance and decisions from the DSLC, SLRG, and DAWG shall be announced by their respective Executive Secretary, as appropriate, and be consistent with DoD policies on information security, records management, and freedom of information in accordance with DoDD 5200.1, DoDD 5015.2, and DoDD 5400.07 (References (f), (g), and (h), respectively).

## 6. RESPONSIBILITIES

a. The Director, Joint Staff, under the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, shall:

(1) Serve as the Executive Secretary of the DSLC and shall:

(a) Coordinate with the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (USD(P)), the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other members, as appropriate, to prepare DSLC agendas for approval by the Secretary of Defense.

(b) Develop, maintain, and distribute to its members a long-term schedule for the DSLC. Provide administrative support for DSLC meetings, including distribution of briefings to members, meeting room access control, attendance tracking, and graphics support.

b. The USD(P) shall provide liaison to and assist the DSLC Executive Secretary with DSLC support and agenda development.

c. The Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation, shall:

(1) Serve as the Executive Secretary of the SLRG and shall:

(a) Coordinate with the USD(P), the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other members, as appropriate, to prepare SLRG agendas for approval by the Secretary of Defense.

(b) Develop, maintain, and distribute to its members a long-term schedule for the SLRG. Provide administrative support for SLRG meetings, including distribution of briefings to members, meeting room access control, attendance tracking, and graphics support.

(2) Serve as the Executive Secretary of the DAWG and shall:

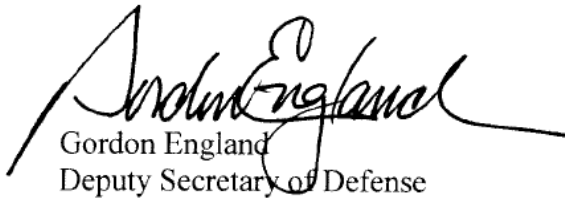
(a) Coordinate with the Principal Deputy USD(P); the Director, Joint Staff; and other members, as appropriate, to prepare DAWG agendas for approval by the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

(b) Develop, maintain, and distribute to its members a long-term schedule for the DAWG. Provide administrative support for DAWG meetings, including distribution of briefings to members, meeting room access control, attendance tracking, and graphics support.

d. The Director of Administration and Management, in coordination with the respective Executive Secretary, shall monitor the status of tasks issued in DSLC, SLRG, and DAWG meetings; and shall periodically provide reports on the status of tasks to the respective Executive Secretary, and other members, as appropriate.

7. RELEASABILITY. UNLIMITED. This Directive is approved for public release. Copies may be obtained through the Internet from the DoD Issuances Web Site at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives>.

8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Directive is effective immediately.



Gordon England  
Deputy Secretary of Defense

Enclosures:

1. References
2. Members of the DSLC
3. Members of the SLRG
4. Members of the DAWG
5. Functional Oversight Committees

ENCLOSURE 1

REFERENCES

- (a) Section 113 of title 10, United States Code
- (b) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Management of the Deputy's Advisory Working Group," December 12, 2006 (hereby canceled)
- (c) DoD Directive 5105.66, "Senior Executive Council (SEC)," July 10, 2001 (hereby canceled)
- (d) DoD Directive 5105.02, "Deputy Secretary of Defense," September 18, 2007
- (e) DoD Directive 5205.07, "Special Access Program (SAP) Policy," January 5, 2006
- (f) DoD Directive 5200.1, "DoD Information Security Program," December 13, 1996
- (g) DoD Directive 5015.2, "DoD Records Management Program," March 6, 2000
- (h) DoD Directive 5400.07, "DoD Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Program," January 2, 2008

ENCLOSURE 2

MEMBERS OF THE DSLC

Membership may vary at the discretion of the Secretary of Defense. Other officials of the Department of Defense, and other departments or agencies of the Executive Branch, as designated by the Secretary of Defense, may be invited to attend, as appropriate.

Secretary of Defense (Chair)	Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
Deputy Secretary of Defense	(Vice Chair)
Secretary of the Army	Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
Secretary of the Navy	Chief of Staff, Army
Secretary of the Air Force	Chief of Naval Operations
Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics or Principal Deputy	Chief of Staff, Air Force
Under Secretary of Defense for Policy or Principal Deputy	Commandant of the Marine Corps
Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer or Principal Deputy	Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard
Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness or Principal Deputy	Commander, U.S. Africa Command
Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence or Principal Deputy	Commander, U.S. Central Command
Deputy Chief Management Officer	Commander, U.S. European Command
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration/DoD Chief Information Officer	Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs	Commander, U.S. Northern Command/North American Aerospace Defense Command
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs	Commander, U.S. Pacific Command
General Counsel of the Department of Defense	Commander, U.S. Southern Command
Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation	Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command
	Commander, U.S. Strategic Command
	Commander, U.S. Transportation Command
	Commander, United Nations Command/ Combined Forces Command/U.S. Forces Korea
	Director, Joint Staff
	Chief, National Guard Bureau

ENCLOSURE 3

MEMBERS OF THE SLRG

Membership may vary at the discretion of the Secretary of Defense. Other officials of the Department of Defense (including Combatant Commanders), and other departments or agencies of the Executive Branch, as designated by the Secretary of Defense, may be invited to attend, as appropriate.

Secretary of Defense (Chair)	Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
Deputy Secretary of Defense	(Vice Chair)
Secretary or Under Secretary of the Army	Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
Secretary or Under Secretary of the Navy	Chief or Vice Chief of Staff, Army
Secretary or Under Secretary of the Air Force	Chief or Vice Chief of Naval Operations
Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics or Principal Deputy	Chief or Vice Chief of Staff, Air Force
Under Secretary of Defense for Policy or Principal Deputy	Commandant or Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps
Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer or Principal Deputy	Director, Joint Staff
Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness or Principal Deputy	Chief, National Guard Bureau
Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence or Principal Deputy	
Deputy Chief Management Officer	
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration/DoD Chief Information Officer	
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs	
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs	
General Counsel of the Department of Defense	
Director of Administration and Management	
Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation	

ENCLOSURE 4

MEMBERS OF THE DAWG

Membership may vary at the discretion of the Deputy Secretary of Defense. Other officials of the Department of Defense (including Combatant Commanders), and other departments or agencies of the Executive Branch, as designated by the Deputy Secretary of Defense, may be invited to attend, as appropriate.

Deputy Secretary of Defense (Chair)	Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (Vice Chair)
Secretary or Under Secretary of the Army	Chief or Vice Chief of Staff, Army
Secretary or Under Secretary of the Navy	Chief or Vice Chief of Naval Operations
Secretary or Under Secretary of the Air Force	Chief or Vice Chief of Staff, Air Force
Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics or Principal Deputy	Commandant or Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps
Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and Principal Deputy	Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command or Deputy
Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer or Principal Deputy	Director, Joint Staff
Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness or Principal Deputy	Chief, National Guard Bureau or Deputy
Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence or Principal Deputy	Director, Strategic Plans and Policy – J5
Deputy Chief Management Officer	Director, Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment – J8
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration/DoD Chief Information Officer	
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs	
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs	
General Counsel of the Department of Defense	
Director of Administration and Management	
Director and Principal Deputy Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation	



ENCLOSURE 5

FUNCTIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES

3-Star Programmers  
Command and Control Capability Integration Board  
Defense Acquisition Board  
Defense Business Systems Management Committee  
Defense Human Resources Board  
Defense Logistics Board  
DoD Chief Information Officer Executive Board  
Financial Management Leadership Council  
Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Integration Council  
Joint Requirements Oversight Council  
Missile Defense Executive Board  
National Leadership Command Capability Executive Management Board  
Nuclear Weapons Council  
Operations Deputies  
Pentagon Governance Council  
Policy & Strategy Committee  
Special Access Program Oversight Committee