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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John G. Levi, Chairman  
Martha Minow, Vice Chair  
Robert J. Grey Jr.  
Charles N.W. Keckler  
Harry J.F. Korrell, III  
Victor B. Maddox  
Laurie Mikva  
Father Pius Pietrzyk, O.P.  
Gloria Valencia-Weber  
James J. Sandman, ex officio

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Laurie Tarantowicz, Assistant Inspector General and Legal Counsel, Office of the Inspector General  
Joel Gallay, Special Counsel to the Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General  
Ronald "Dutch" Merryman, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Office of the Inspector General  
David Maddox, Assistant Inspector General for Management and Evaluation, Office of the Inspector General  
Chuck Greenfield, National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA)

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(1:38 p.m.)

DEAN MINOW: So as Vice Chair, I'd like to call this meeting to order. I'd like to actually ask our President what exactly we can do while we're waiting for John.

PRESIDENT SANDMAN: I think you could ask for approval of the agenda and approval of the minutes of the Board's meeting of April 15th and 16th.

CHAIRMAN LEVI: I so do, in an omnibus request.

## M O T I O N

FATHER PIUS: I move that we approve the agenda and approve the minutes from the April minute. This is Father Pius.

MS. MIKVA: I second.

MR. MADDUX: Victor Maddox. I was listed as being present in the draft at one of the meetings, the Sunday session last meeting, and I wasn't. I don't know if Rebecca has fixed that yet or not; otherwise --

1 MS. FERTIG: It is fixed, yes.

2 PRESIDENT SANDMAN: We have fixed --

3 DEAN MINOW: With that correction, all in  
4 favor.

5 (A chorus of ayes.)

6 DEAN MINOW: Okay. Well, I'd like to thank  
7 everybody for participation in our last meeting,  
8 both discussions and the event at the White House.  
9 I think it all went very, very well. I think we've  
10 made real progress on the Pro Bono Task Force and  
11 have received terrific responses.

12 I don't know if anyone has anything to  
13 share about our recent events?

14 MR. MADDOX: Well, Martha, Vic Maddox.

15 DEAN MINOW: Yes?

16 MR. MADDOX: I just want to reiterate a  
17 comment I made to you and John, which is that I  
18 thought that the pro bono presentations were really  
19 helpful and really informative. I thought it was  
20 one of the best learning sessions for me personally  
21 since I've been on the Board. So I really  
22 appreciated getting together on Sunday.

1           White House panels were equally as  
2           informative. I've been to some of these things that  
3           tend to get caught up in all sorts of different  
4           agendas. But I thought it was very helpful, so I  
5           appreciate it very much.

6           DEAN MINOW: Well, that's wonderful.  
7           Thanks so much. I happened to hear from Judge  
8           Tatel, who was there from the D.C. Circuit, as  
9           someone who's participated in pro bono task forces  
10          through the years, that he thought it was the single  
11          best set of reports he'd ever heard on the subject.  
12          So that was very gratifying.

13          Some other people have come on the line.  
14          Who's here?

15          PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: Yes. This is  
16          Gloria Valencia-Weber.

17          DEAN MINOW: Great. Hi, Gloria.

18          PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: Hi, everybody.

19          MS. MIKVA: I have been on, but I think I  
20          was muted.

21          DEAN MINOW: Oh, okay. Good. All right.  
22          Who all is on? I think we have Father Pius. We

1 have Victor. We have Robert. We have Charles. Is  
2 there anyone else?

3 PRESIDENT SANDMAN: We have Laurie.

4 DEAN MINOW: Yes. Laurie and Gloria just  
5 came on.

6 PRESIDENT SANDMAN: Harry.

7 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Harry. Great.

8 MR. KORRELL: Yes, I'm here.

9 FATHER PIUS: Sharon won't be on.

10 DEAN MINOW: So Jim, again, I look to you.

11 What can we do? Has anyone found John?

12 PRESIDENT SANDMAN: We're calling him right  
13 now.

14 MR. GREY: We could do strategic planning  
15 since we've got good focus related to that.

16 DEAN MINOW: That's a good idea. Father  
17 Pius, thank you so much for your revisions and  
18 integration of everyone's comments. I think we're  
19 just about there. Right?

20 FATHER PIUS: I think so. I sent out a  
21 second revised copy to everyone, and I think that's  
22 what we're working on, which includes some comments

1 from Sharon. But if anybody has anything else?

2 PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: Is it time to  
3 make comments?

4 DEAN MINOW: Sure.

5 PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: Again,  
6 appreciation of Father Pius and everybody else who  
7 kept contributing. I did have a chance to read the  
8 revised draft, the one you sent on the redline, and  
9 it looks very good. I have basically just a couple  
10 of -- I don't know whether they're questions.

11 One is, perhaps, on page 5 and 6 of the  
12 revised draft where we're dealing with maximizing  
13 the availability, quality, and effectiveness of  
14 legal services, and possibly, under Initiative 1,  
15 Best Practices.

16 My comment relates to Initiative 2, which  
17 is there as just a metric. I wholly support and  
18 know that we should be moving to as much  
19 quantification and metric measurements of all the  
20 different elements, both what will help us achieve  
21 the most with our money, but also hold us most  
22 accountable.



1           But I do want to state a concern I have  
2           about the things that are substantive, but not so  
3           measurable in metrics, that we need to somehow  
4           acknowledge and put in there, perhaps in developing  
5           the best practices area. What I am specifically  
6           talking about are important factors involved in  
7           delivering services effectively to people that do  
8           not so easily lend themselves to be measured.

9           Some of that involves a good matter of our  
10          geographically isolated, rural, North American, and  
11          very likely some of our migrant clients. And to  
12          some extent, we can do better in a quasi-metric way.

13          For instance, if we collect data on the  
14          distance in miles between our clients and the LSC or  
15          attorney help, that might give a fuller picture; and  
16          then secondly, clearly not measurable metrically but  
17          what I consider cultural or substantively present  
18          elements. That includes different languages. That  
19          may include regional practices.

20          I recall our rural panel, our rural task  
21          force panel talking about how rurally isolated  
22          people might not be as eager to be represented by a

1 city attorney from Louisville because of what goes  
2 on in that region.

3 DEAN MINOW: Gloria? Can I ask if you have  
4 some specific language to suggest to the proposal?  
5 I think it's easier to respond that way.

6 PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: Okay. I'm  
7 presently in a van going from the airport, so why  
8 don't I send to the Board, when I get to a computer,  
9 some suggested language. That's where I think it  
10 belongs, in that section.

11 And then the second area, I didn't know if  
12 others felt pleased enough about -- again, we talk  
13 about increasing our training across the board --  
14 whether or not we need to make a specific  
15 acknowledgment of board training for constituent or  
16 client reps, non-attorneys. Okay?

17 DEAN MINOW: That's great. Thank you. And  
18 we're so glad to hear you had good news about your  
19 sister's surgery.

20 PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: Oh, it went  
21 well. It was a two-stage medical process over a  
22 period of time, but it all -- when completed, it

1 looks very good.

2 DEAN MINOW: Great. Other comments on the  
3 strategic plan?

4 CHAIRMAN LEVI: I'm on, Martha.

5 DEAN MINOW: Oh, there's John. Great,  
6 great.

7 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Now, where did we --

8 DEAN MINOW: We skipped over -- we were  
9 just in the middle of talking about the strategic  
10 plan. We skipped over the question of acting on the  
11 transmittal to accompany the Inspector General's  
12 semiannual report to Congress because I didn't know  
13 if you had anything you wanted to say about that.

14 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Well, but this is a vote.  
15 Have we approved the agenda?

16 DEAN MINOW: Yes. We did that, and we  
17 approved the minutes.

18 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Okay. And did we  
19 acknowledge or say anything about Tom (inaudible,  
20 poor telephone connection)?

21 FATHER PIUS: Not yet.

22 DEAN MINOW: No, not yet.

1           CHAIRMAN LEVI:   Okay.   Well, I don't want  
2   to stop the discussion of the strategic plan.   Let's  
3   conclude that, then.   I have to say Father Pius did  
4   a fantastic -- I apologize for the mixup on the time  
5   here.   Somehow I thought it was at 1:30 Chicago  
6   time, and I'm not in the office because of the NATO  
7   nonsense.

8           So in any event --

9           DEAN MINOW:   Well, Gloria had some good  
10   comments.   I wonder if anyone else does.

11          FATHER PIUS:   Martha, this Father Pius.

12          DEAN MINOW:   Yes.

13          FATHER PIUS:   I think everybody got the  
14   email that Julie sent out.   I emailed to her just on  
15   my own -- I always forget to hit "Reply to All" --  
16   but I didn't include her comments.   The primary  
17   reason is because a strategic plan to me seems to be  
18   over things that we have control over.

19                 Her point was about a commitment to being  
20   fully funded by the federal government, which is a  
21   nice point; it's just that it's not something that  
22   seems to be very achievable in a strategic plan.   So

1 that was my suggestion to her, that perhaps we  
2 include a line that we fully expect that a majority  
3 of our funding would come from the federal  
4 government. Having that as a strategic goal seems  
5 to be outside of our control.

6 DEAN MINOW: That's a good point.

7 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Yes. In your revisions,  
8 you acknowledged since there's enough in here to  
9 attest that we are dependent on the federal  
10 government for funding.

11 FATHER PIUS: I thought so.

12 MR. GREY: Father Pius, this is Robert  
13 Grey. I've got two comments I don't think I need to  
14 bother you with for the committee, for the group,  
15 but right now. One is on page 3, and the other has  
16 to do with the incentives. That's set out on page  
17 7. But I'll send those to you. I don't see them as  
18 terribly difficult, and so I think it's better to  
19 just deal with them offline.

20 FATHER PIUS: Sure.

21 PRESIDENT SANDMAN: This is Jim. I have  
22 one comment that I can get you specific language on,

1 Father Pius. But it's on page 6 under "Quantitative  
2 Metrics," the third sub-bullet, about needs  
3 assessments.

4 I think we need to acknowledge that  
5 programs are required to do local needs assessments.  
6 This might be read as suggesting that we're talking  
7 about national needs assessments that might not be  
8 consistent with the local needs. I think we just  
9 need to conform this to the requirements that we  
10 already have for grantees to do their own local  
11 needs assessments.

12 FATHER PIUS: Right. And I added that  
13 simply because it was from the GAO report.

14 PRESIDENT SANDMAN: Right.

15 FATHER PIUS: But yes, we can do that for  
16 local. That's right.

17 Anything else?

18 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Any other significant  
19 matter?

20 PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: This is Gloria.  
21 And maybe this is more about when our plan is put  
22 out for comment and when we finally adopt. But this

1 is a year-to-year annual strategic plan, unlike our  
2 consultants and other organizations put out a five-  
3 year plan or a very tight, line-focused plan. And  
4 so we will need to draft a statement about why we  
5 are not engaged in that kind of plan.

6 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Well, that's not true,  
7 Gloria. This is a five-year plan.

8 PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: I understand  
9 that from our discussion. But is that going to be  
10 put out as the public terminology?

11 CHAIRMAN LEVI: I'm not sure I understand  
12 you because this is not an implementation plan.  
13 This is a strategic plan.

14 PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: Right.

15 CHAIRMAN LEVI: And it's an overview for  
16 the next few years.

17 PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: Right.

18 CHAIRMAN LEVI: It's what occurs up to  
19 2016. It's the kind of things we're trying to  
20 accomplish within the next five years. Are you  
21 asking for an implementation plan?

22 PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: No. No, I'm

1 not. I'm just saying, then, I guess because I  
2 didn't see it here, a clearcut labeling or  
3 description term saying it's a five-year plan.  
4 That's all I'm raising. Okay?

5 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Okay. Well, I guess we  
6 could substitute on the cover page and on page 1.  
7 That may be in the body of the document; it needs to  
8 be said a couple places.

9 PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: Okay.

10 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Father Pius, can you find a  
11 couple of places where we can maybe make a little  
12 comment to that point?

13 FATHER PIUS: Sure. I think so.

14 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Yes. I would think so.

15 DEAN MINOW: I think we should try to wrap  
16 this up. This is something that could go on for a  
17 long time.

18 CHAIRMAN LEVI: My (inaudible) here,  
19 Martha, I'm sorry, is to have all of these comments  
20 given to Father Pius, and then we should circulate a  
21 draft quickly if anybody has any more nits or nats.  
22 But I'm ready to get this out for public comments so



1 we can begin the comment period (inaudible). That's  
2 my objective. I don't know if --

3 DEAN MINOW: I think that's very helpful.  
4 I hope we don't have to then have a board meeting  
5 before that time to approve it. So I'm wondering if  
6 we could imagine a conditional approval so that we  
7 can then put it out for comment, conditional on  
8 these final small changes.

9 PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: Do you want a  
10 motion, Martha?

11 DEAN MINOW: Yes, if John does.

12 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Yes. I would like one.  
13 But let's talk, though, first about a time frame.  
14 Father Pius, if you're the scribe here, what would  
15 be realistic for you to turn this one more time?

16 FATHER PIUS: Sorry. I had it turned off  
17 here. I can turn around fairly quickly. I have to  
18 show Sharon around Rome on Wednesday, but other than  
19 that my schedule is pretty light.

20 (Laughter.)

21 CHAIRMAN LEVI: If we suggested that you  
22 might, by the Tuesday after Memorial Day, have

1 another draft to us, is that possible, or the  
2 Wednesday after?

3 FATHER PIUS: Oh, John, I'm not in America.  
4 When is Memorial Day?

5 (Laughter.)

6 CHAIRMAN LEVI: It's May Day. It's May  
7 Day. It's Monday.

8 FATHER PIUS: Oh, yes. That's easy, John.

9 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Okay. So if we could have  
10 that, then I want to ask Jim Sandman what  
11 internally, in terms of your own -- you and the  
12 readiness of your crew to give us any comments or  
13 feedback if any of the changes are of concern, can  
14 that happen by the end of the week?

15 PRESIDENT SANDMAN: Yes. You're talking  
16 about the end of next week?

17 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Or June 1st?

18 PRESIDENT SANDMAN: Yes. So then we would  
19 be in position to put it out for public comment by  
20 -- how long does it take to publish it in the  
21 Register?

22 PRESIDENT SANDMAN: About three days.

1           CHAIRMAN LEVI:   Two days?

2           PRESIDENT SANDMAN:   Three days.

3           CHAIRMAN LEVI:   Why don't we say that we  
4   want the comments, and then what I would do is say  
5   that on June 4th, everybody will have a final draft.  
6   And if they wish to, they can send in any final  
7   email suggestions.

8           DEAN MINOW:   No.   I think that, no, this is  
9   the end.   There has to be an end at that point.  
10   Father Pius has to close down the document at that  
11   point, I think.   Right?   Otherwise there's an  
12   instant regress.

13          CHAIRMAN LEVI:   Well, the problem here is,  
14   Martha, we have two board members that are not on  
15   this call, and I hate to --

16          DEAN MINOW:   Well, can we email them and  
17   tell them at this point that that's the time frame,  
18   and by then everything has to be done?   Because it  
19   will go on and on and on.   If you want to have it  
20   noticed for comment by mid-June, I think that we  
21   want to lock it down.

22          CHAIRMAN LEVI:   I was getting to the same

1 place you are. I was just --

2 DEAN MINOW: Okay.

3 CHAIRMAN LEVI: I just was going to give  
4 folks, following that, if he hadn't heard from them  
5 by the 8th of June, it was going to be published.

6 DEAN MINOW: Fine. Thank you. Sorry.

7 CHAIRMAN LEVI: I think that's -- so with  
8 that -- Gloria, can you make that motion?

9 M O T I O N

10 PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: Yes. I move we  
11 -- what's the proper term -- give preliminary  
12 approval to the strategic plan as drafted, with  
13 subsequent editing, minor editing.

14 DEAN MINOW: Right.

15 PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: And with it to  
16 be completed, comments for editing to be sent to  
17 Father Pius, and a final version by June 4th for all  
18 edits.

19 FATHER PIUS: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Second?

21 PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: Sorry it wasn't  
22 very sleek, but basically that we give preliminary

1 approval with subsequent minor editing, to be  
2 completed by June 4th.

3 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Yes. And Father Pius, you  
4 seconded?

5 FATHER PIUS: I did indeed.

6 CHAIRMAN LEVI: All in favor?

7 (A chorus of ayes.)

8 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRMAN LEVI: The motion carries. And  
11 thank you, Father Pius, in advance. Really, you've  
12 done a terrific job here.

13 DEAN MINOW: Thank you so much.

14 FATHER PIUS: Happy to help.

15 CHAIRMAN LEVI: We're very grateful.

16 I want to just say that when a number of us  
17 joined the Board or we were in our orientation, Tom  
18 Fuentes was a board member. He'd been a board  
19 member for seven years before we actually came on  
20 the scene. He couldn't have been more gracious to  
21 us as we began to learn about LSC.

22 He was a practiced board member. He tried

1 hard. By listening to him in board meetings, he was  
2 insistent on proper board process. He was a  
3 stickler for that. He was very aware, though I  
4 don't believe he was a lawyer, that the pro bono  
5 community somehow -- when pro bono and the needs of  
6 LSC were not in synch, and he was, I would say, most  
7 educated about that. I think it's something our  
8 Board has taken a very serious look at. And he was  
9 very, very, dedicated. I think that Frank told me  
10 he rarely missed a meeting, and he was a very, very  
11 dedicated member of the Board.

12 So I just want to recognize the fact that,  
13 after a long battle with cancer, that he passed away  
14 on Friday. And we can send our condolences to his  
15 family. I spoke with Frank Strickland, who was  
16 going to let his board know. And he tells me he  
17 will prepare a statement that we'll issue later  
18 today.

19 So I don't know if anybody else wants to  
20 say anything, but I thought we should recognize his  
21 service at this time.

22 PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: Thank you. This

1 is Gloria. I remember that in that transition  
2 period when we had unconfirmed but nominated board  
3 members, Tom was gracious about extending a welcome  
4 to those of us that we in that position to help us  
5 join the Board.

6 DEAN MINOW: It's Martha, and I'd say the  
7 same thing. And he also conveyed his strong  
8 commitment to the connection between the mission of  
9 our organization and the principles of the United  
10 States. And I do believe that we adopted his  
11 proposal to have the Pledge of Allegiance at the way  
12 that we proceed with our meetings.

13 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Any other comments?

14 (No response.)

15 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Well, I think that it's  
16 been the Board's practice -- we can make sure -- but  
17 I think at the next board meeting, we will adopt  
18 some kind of resolution and send it to his family.

19 Okay. So now we need to consider and act  
20 on the transmittal to accompany the IG's Semiannual  
21 Report. Is the IG there?

22 MR. SCHANZ: Yes, sir. This is Jeff

1 Schanz.

2 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Do you want to say anything  
3 about the report?

4 MR. SCHANZ: We did have two comments from  
5 board members that I handled separately, one from  
6 Victor Maddox and one from Julie Reiskin. And I  
7 provided some additional background information to  
8 Victor. And for Julie, who had some comments on the  
9 body of the report, I advised her that it's the IG's  
10 report, and the Board transmits the report but the  
11 report itself is not subject to revision unless  
12 there's a factual error or something that I missed.

13 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Any comments or questions  
14 from board members?

15 PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: No questions.  
16 This is Gloria. I understand the IG's position, and  
17 accept that that's his report. I also appreciated,  
18 though, the text of the accompanying transmittal  
19 letter by John, and I think both documents together  
20 make a good explanation of what has occurred through  
21 our OIG operation.

22 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Do we have any other



1       comments?  Questions?

2               MS. MIKVA:  John, this is Laurie.  Are we  
3       talking about the letter in response at this point,  
4       or just the report itself?

5               CHAIRMAN LEVI:  Both, as far as I'm  
6       concerned.

7               MS. MIKVA:  Well, I had a couple comments  
8       on the letter.

9               CHAIRMAN LEVI:  Go right ahead.

10              MS. MIKVA:  Report on the Selected Internal  
11       Controls, on page 2, I just thought it sounded a  
12       little defensive, as just (inaudible).  And I guess  
13       I would just -- instead of saying that they were  
14       "not formally referred until," I would just say  
15       "they were referred on."

16              CHAIRMAN LEVI:  This letter --

17              MS. MIKVA:  Huh?

18              CHAIRMAN LEVI:  What line are you on?

19              MS. MIKVA:  Say again, John?

20              CHAIRMAN LEVI:  You're on page 3 of the  
21       letter?

22              MS. MIKVA:  Page 2.  Page 2, under the

1 bullet, Report on Selected Internal Controls.

2 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Well, there's another --  
3 we're talking about Mississippi, is what you're  
4 saying?

5 MS. MIKVA: Right. So I'd just say, "The  
6 question costs were referred to LSC management on  
7 April 11th, which was after the reporting period.  
8 LSC will review." I just -- "not referred until" to  
9 me sounds a little defensive.

10 CHAIRMAN LEVI: I agree with you.

11 MS. MIKVA: Okay. Then the next thing for  
12 both, then, the Appalachian research and the next  
13 one. It just wasn't clear to me -- I guess I would  
14 like some little explanation of why our numbers are  
15 different than the Attorney General's. In some  
16 places, it's offered, but in some places it's not,  
17 by the Inspector General.

18 So like it says, "The OIG referred a total  
19 of" blah blah. "LSC" -- "When LSC came in with a  
20 lower number without an explanation as to why."

21 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Well, I don't think in this  
22 letter we normally go into of that detail. That's

1 not been -- at least in prior letters, we certainly  
2 haven't done that. I'm not sure that there is the  
3 need for that. That's a question for Jim as far as  
4 why (inaudible).

5 MS. MIKVA: Okay. I meant to say, I think  
6 in some places there was a sentence explaining the  
7 difference, but then sometimes there wasn't.

8 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Well --

9 MR. MERRYMAN: This is Dutch Merryman.  
10 Sometimes there's a difference because of timing  
11 issues, where by the time that we find it and report  
12 it in the questioned costs, the five-year period has  
13 passed. So sometimes that will be eliminated from  
14 the questioned costs to begin with.

15 And that may be one of the explanations,  
16 that it's due more to a timing issue than anything  
17 else. And in the full explanation that OCE puts  
18 out, the numbers can be reconciled.

19 MS. MIKVA: Oh, okay.

20 MR. MERRYMAN: And it has the full  
21 explanation. This is a very detailed explanation  
22 that OCE puts out in its explanation, and this is, I

1 guess, a summary of that. It doesn't explain all  
2 the nuances. So maybe it is a little much for this  
3 type of report.

4 MS. MIKVA: All right.

5 PRESIDENT SANDMAN: This is Jim. I'd  
6 suggest one change in the bullet that Laurie was  
7 referring to previously, the one about North  
8 Mississippi. In the last sentence, instead of  
9 saying, "LSC will review the report," I'd rather  
10 say, "LSC is reviewing the report and will make a  
11 determination." We have that underway already.

12 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Okay. And before the  
13 bullet, I'd like to change in the bullet before  
14 that I'm going to say, (inaudible) and take out the  
15 "not" and say, "LSC management are able."

16 PRESIDENT SANDMAN: This is Jim again. We  
17 have one other change that we're making after  
18 consulting with the Inspector General's office. In  
19 the table that's attached at page 5, the first item  
20 under "Comments," we'd like to delete the "12 during  
21 the reporting period" and just say, "To date, 26  
22 recommendations have been closed and 10 remain

1 open."

2 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Twelve. And say, "26  
3 recommendations have been closed and 10 remain  
4 open"?

5 PRESIDENT SANDMAN: "And 10 remain open,"  
6 yes.

7 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Okay. Any other changes?  
8 Comments?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Can we have a motion to  
11 approve the transmittal, as modified in this call  
12 (inaudible)?

13 M O T I O N

14 FATHER PIUS: This is Father Pius. So  
15 move.

16 DEAN MINOW: Second. It's Martha.

17 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Any further questions?  
18 Comments?

19 (No response.)

20 CHAIRMAN LEVI: All in favor?

21 (A chorus of ayes.)

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1                   CHAIRMAN LEVI: Any other comments from the  
2 public?

3                   MR. GREENFIELD: Yes. John, this is Chuck  
4 Greenfield from NLADA. The only comment I have is  
5 that for the similar annual report in the way in  
6 which the Board has now put online the information  
7 to try to be transparent and open ahead of time,  
8 before board meetings, which is extremely helpful, I  
9 noticed that the Semiannual Report was not posted  
10 online.

11                   I'm wondering whether the Inspector General  
12 would be willing to do that for transparency  
13 purposes so that we would be able to -- others would  
14 be able to see that when it comes up in front of the  
15 Board.

16                   MR. SCHANZ: This is Jeff Schanz, the  
17 Inspector General. The Semiannual Report, once it's  
18 transmitted to Congress, is posted on our website  
19 for all to see. But it has not been transmitted to  
20 Congress yet, and in deference to the Hill, who  
21 provides all our funding, I don't feel comfortable  
22 putting out a draft draft until the final is

1 transmitted to the Congress by the Board, which will  
2 occur as soon as we get this memo approved.

3 MR. GREENFIELD: Well, I appreciate that,  
4 Jeff. This is Chuck Greenfield again. It's just  
5 that it's being discussed in an open board meeting,  
6 which presumably is recorded. And it's hard for the  
7 public to know exactly what's being discussed  
8 without having the information in front of us.

9 And so in your spirit of cooperation and  
10 communication, et cetera, and openness, which seem  
11 to me to be as appropriate as the full Board has  
12 done with their non-confidential board materials  
13 that have been very helpful for the public to see.

14 MR. SCHANZ: Okay. I'll take that under  
15 advisement, Chuck. But I've been advised by counsel  
16 that our operating and authorizing statute says it's  
17 not a public document until it's submitted to the  
18 Hill. And we can check on that.

19 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Let me say, I appreciate  
20 your comment, Chuck. I assume that even applies to  
21 the letter, which was a draft, which we, I don't  
22 believe, had up on -- I hope we didn't.

1                   But both of these documents will become  
2 public documents, and certainly are available at  
3 public comment time in any future meeting for any  
4 member of the public to ask a question about or make  
5 an observation about. I don't know that that helps  
6 you, since -- but it is not exactly released at the  
7 same time frame, that is currently within a few  
8 months.

9                   MR. GREENFIELD: Yes. This is Chuck again.  
10 Thanks, John. I appreciate that. I do see on the  
11 OIG website periodically where they -- or  
12 consistently, I should say, where they post them. I  
13 was just looking at obtaining the information a  
14 little earlier while the Board discusses it.

15                   CHAIRMAN LEVI: Yes. Any other public  
16 comment?

17                   (No response.)

18                   CHAIRMAN LEVI: Any other business today?

19                   DEAN MINOW: Do you want approval of the  
20 transmittal letter or --

21                   CHAIRMAN LEVI: I think we did.

22                   PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: I think we



1 approved.

2 DEAN MINOW: Oh, it's already approved?

3 Okay.

4 CHAIRMAN LEVI: We had an approval  
5 consistent with the changes that were offered during  
6 the call.

7 DEAN MINOW: Great.

8 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Wasn't that the body of our  
9 motion?

10 DEAN MINOW: Sorry. Didn't get it.

11 CHAIRMAN LEVI: I believe so. Yes.

12 Any other comments? Questions? Issues?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRMAN LEVI: All right. Can we have a  
15 motion to adjourn?

16 M O T I O N

17 DEAN MINOW: So moved.

18 FATHER PIUS: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Thanks, everybody. And I'm  
20 sorry about the time mixup on my part.

21 (Whereupon, at 2:14 p.m., the meeting was  
22 adjourned.)