



**President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology**

**PCAST**

**Agenda**

**Public Meeting #1**

**September 28-29, 2021**

**VIRTUAL MEETING**

**(All times EDT)**

**Tuesday, September 28, 2021, Day 1**

***PCAST PUBLIC MEETING (10:00 AM TO 12:30 PM)***

- 10:00 am**      **Welcome and Introduction of PCAST Members**  
*PCAST Co-Chairs: Frances Arnold, Eric Lander, Maria Zuber*
- 10:20 am**      **Overview of President Biden's Science and Technology Agenda**  
*PCAST Co-Chairs: Eric Lander, Frances Arnold, Maria Zuber*
- 10:30 am**      **Session I: Strengthening US Science & Technology Global Leadership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**
- Session Moderator: Maria Zuber**
- I.A. The Global Environment**  
**Richard Danzig, Secretary of the Navy (ret.)**
- 10:50 am**      **Discussion with PCAST Members**

PUBLIC AGENDA

**11:15 am**      **I.B Benefits of Investments in S&T and Models and Mechanism for Future US  
Economic Development and Growth**

**Jonathan Gruber**, Ford Professor of Economics, MIT  
**Maryann Feldman**, Heninger Distinguished Professor, UNC  
**Bill Bonvillian**, Lecturer, MIT

**12:00 noon**      **Discussion with PCAST Members**

**12:30 pm**      **LUNCH BREAK**

***AFTERNOON PUBLIC MEETING (1:35 PM TO 3:15 PM)***

**1:35 pm**      **Session I: Strengthening US Science and Technology Global Leadership for the 21<sup>st</sup>  
Century, continued**

**Session Moderator: Maria Zuber**

**1:40 pm**      **I.C Agency Approaches to New Resources, Innovation, Workforce and Competition**

**Bindu Nair**, Director of Basic Research, DOD  
**Don Graves**, Deputy Secretary, DOC  
**Sethuraman Panchanathan**, Director, NSF

**2:45 pm**      **Discussion with PCAST Members**

**3:15 pm**      **Afternoon Public Meeting Adjourns**



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**Wednesday, September 29, 2021, Day 2**

***MORNING PUBLIC MEETING (10:00 AM TO 12:40 PM)***

**10:00 am**      **Welcome**

*PCAST Co-Chairs: Frances Arnold, Eric Lander, Maria Zuber*

**10:10 am**      **Session II: The State of US Preparedness and Public Health as Revealed by the Pandemic**

**Session Moderator: Frances Arnold**

**II.A Assessment of Global Preparedness in late 2019**

**Elizabeth Cameron**, Sr. Director, Global Health Security and Biodefense, NSC

**II.B The US Public Health System's Response**

**Georges Benjamin**, Executive Director, American Public Health Association

**10:40 am**      **Discussion with PCAST Members**

**11:10 am**      **II.C The Federal Response**

**Scott Gottlieb**, Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute

**Anne Schuchat**, Principal Deputy Director, CDC, (ret)

**Terry Adirim**, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, DOD

**Andy Slavitt**, Founding Director, Town Hall Ventures

**12:10 pm**      **Discussion with PCAST Members**

**12:40 pm**      **LUNCH BREAK**

***AFTERNOON PUBLIC MEETING (1:30 PM TO 4:00 PM)***

**1:30 pm      Session II: The State of US Preparedness and Public Health as Revealed by the Pandemic, continued**

**Session Moderator: Frances Arnold**

**II.D The View From the States**

**Mandy Cohen**, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, North Carolina

**Charity Dean**, CEO, Public Health Company

**Joshua Sharfstein**, Vice Dean for Public Health Practice and Community Engagement, Professor Practice, Johns Hopkins University

**2:15 pm      Discussion with PCAST Members**

**2:45 pm      II.E Essential Partnerships: Government-University-Industry**

**Stephane Bancel**, CEO, Moderna

**Karen DeSalvo**, Chief Health Officer, Google

**3:15 pm      Discussion with PCAST Members**

**3:45 pm      Public Comments**

**3:55 pm      Afternoon Public Meeting Adjourns**