

**232nd Meeting of the
National Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Advisory Council**

**National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
National Institutes of Health
Department of Health and Human Services**

Virtual - Held virtually using web-based collaboration/meeting tools

I. CLOSED SESSION OF THE COUNCIL

This portion of the meeting was closed to the public, in accordance with the determination that it concerned matters exempt from mandatory disclosure under Sections 552(b)(4) and 552(b)(6), Title 5, U.S. Code, and Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2).

Members absented themselves from the meeting during discussion of and voting on applications from their own institutions, or other applications in which there was a potential conflict-of-interest, real or apparent.

Dr. Griffin Rodgers

Dr. Griffin Rodgers, Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), called to order the 232nd meeting of the NIDDK Advisory Council at 1:00 p.m. on March 11th, 2026, via a virtual meeting. The meeting is a closed-only session to complete January Council review of applications.

ATTENDANCE – COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jamy Ard	Ms. Neicey Johnson
Ms. Patricia Birsic	Dr. Jacquelyn Maher
Dr. Richard Blumberg	Dr. Aylin Rodan
Dr. Arthur Burnett	Dr. Philipp Scherer
Dr. John Carethers	Dr. Elizabeth Seaquist
Dr. Lilia Cervantes	Dr. Hunter Wessels
Dr. Peng Ji	

Ex-officio Members:

Dr. David D'Alessio
Dr. Ian Stewart

Also Present:

Dr. Griffin Rodgers, Director, NIDDK and Chair of the NIDDK Advisory Council
Dr. Karl Malik, Executive Secretary, NIDDK Advisory Council
Dr. Gregory Germino, Deputy Director, NIDDK
Dr. William Cefalu, Director, Division of Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases, NIDDK

Dr. Stephen James, Director, Division of Digestive Diseases and Nutrition, NIDDK
Dr. Robert Star, Director, Division of Kidney, Urologic, and Hematologic Diseases,
NIDDK

Dr. Karl Malik

Confidentiality

Council members are reminded that material furnished for review purposes and discussion during the closed portion of this meeting is considered confidential. The content of discussions taking place during the closed session may be disclosed only by the staff and only under appropriate circumstances. Any communication from investigators to Council members regarding actions on an application must be referred to the Institute. Any attempts by Council members to handle questions from applicants could create difficult or embarrassing situations for the members, the Institute, and/or the investigators.

Conflict-of-Interest

Advisors and consultants serving as members of public advisory committees, such as this Council, may not participate in situations in which any violation of conflict-of-interest laws and regulations may occur. Responsible NIDDK staff shall assist Council members to help ensure that the member does not participate in and is not present during review of applications or projects in which, to the member's knowledge, any of the following has a financial interest: the member, or his or her spouse, minor child, partner (including close professional associates), or an organization with which the member is connected. To ensure that a member does not participate in the discussion of, nor vote on, an application in which he/she is in conflict, a written certification is required. A statement is provided for the signature of the member, and this statement becomes a part of the meeting file.

After today's meeting, Council members will be sent a statement regarding conflict-of-interest in their review of applications. Each Council member should read the statement carefully, electronically sign it, and then return the signed statement by email to Devon Drew (Committee Management Officer) or to Dr. Karl Malik within one day.

At Council meetings when applications are reviewed in groups without discussion, that is, by "en bloc" action, all Council members may be present and may participate. The vote of an individual member in such instances does not apply to applications for which the member might be in conflict.

Multi-campus institutions of higher education: An employee may participate in any particular matter affecting one campus of a multi-campus institution of higher education, if the employee's financial interest is solely employment in a position at a separate campus of the same multi-campus institution, and the employee has no multi-campus responsibilities.

CONSIDERATION OF REVIEW OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

A total of 1,548 grant applications (908 primary and 640 dual), requesting support of \$660,979,850 were reviewed for consideration at the March 11, 2026 meeting. An additional 1 Common Fund application requesting \$72,771 was presented to Council. Funding for these applications was recommended at the Scientific Review Group recommended level. Prior to the Advisory Council meeting, 468 applications requesting \$204,572,142 received second-level review through expedited concurrence. All of the expedited concurrence applications were recommended for funding at the Scientific Review Group recommended level. Additionally, a total of 772 grant applications (582 primary and 190 dual), requesting support of \$340,569,415 were previously reported at the January 28, 2026 meeting. These actions were reported to the full Advisory Council at the March 11, 2026 meeting.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Rodgers expressed appreciation on behalf of the NIDDK to the Council members, presenters, and other participants. He thanked the Council members for their valuable input. There being no other business, the 232nd meeting of the NIDDK Advisory Council was adjourned at 2 p.m. on March 11, 2026.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing summary minutes are accurate and complete.



Griffin P. Rodgers, M.D., M.A.C.P.
Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, and
Chairman, National Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Advisory Council



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