

§ 663. Advisory committees**(a) Minutes of meetings**

Any advisory committee appointed under the provisions of this chapter shall keep minutes of each meeting, which shall contain as a minimum (1) the name of each person attending such meeting, (2) a copy of the agenda, and (3) a record of all votes or polls taken during the meeting.

(b) Availability of minutes or reports

A copy of any such minutes or of any report made by any such committee after final action has been taken thereon by the Secretary shall be available to the public upon request and payment of the cost of furnishing such copy.

(c) Compensation; travel expenses

Members of any advisory committee appointed from private life under authority of this section shall each receive \$50 per diem when engaged in the actual performance of their duties as a member of such advisory committee. Such members shall also be entitled to travel expenses and per diem in lieu of subsistence at the rates authorized by section 5703 of title 5 for all persons employed intermittently as consultants or experts receiving compensation on a per diem basis.

(d) Exemption from conflict-of-interest statutes

Service by an individual as a member of such an advisory committee shall not subject him to the provisions of section 1914 of title 18, or, except with respect to a particular matter which directly involves the Office of Coal Research or in which the Office of Coal Research is directly interested, to the provisions of sections 281, 283, or 284 of title 18 or of section 190 of the Revised Statutes (5 U.S.C. 99).

(Pub. L. 86-599, §3, July 7, 1960, 74 Stat. 336.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Sections 281, 283, 284, and 1914 of title 18, referred to in subsec. (d), were repealed by Pub. L. 87-849, §2, Oct. 23, 1962, 76 Stat. 1126, "except as they [sections 281 and 283] may apply to retired officers of the armed forces of the United States", and were supplanted by sections 203, 205, 207, and 209, respectively, of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure. For further details, see Exemptions note set out under section 203 of Title 18.

Section 190 of the Revised Statutes, referred to in subsec. (d), was repealed by Pub. L. 87-849, §3, Oct. 23, 1962, 76 Stat. 1126. See section 207 of Title 18.

CODIFICATION

In subsec. (c), "section 5703 of title 5" substituted for "section 73b-2 of title 5" on authority of Pub. L. 89-554, §7(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 631, the first section of which enacted Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

See note set out under section 661 of this title.

TERMINATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Advisory committees in existence on Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period following Jan. 5, 1973, unless, in the case of a committee established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such committee is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a committee established

by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided by law. Advisory committees established after Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date of their establishment, unless, in the case of a committee established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such committee is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a committee established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided by law. See section 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 664. Director of Coal Research; appointment

The Secretary may appoint a Director of Coal Research without regard to the provisions of the civil service laws, or chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5.

(Pub. L. 86-599, §4 (part), July 7, 1960, 74 Stat. 336.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The civil service laws, referred to in text, are set forth in Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. See, particularly, section 3301 et seq. of Title 5.

CODIFICATION

"Chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5" substituted in text for "the Classification Act of 1949, as amended" on authority of Pub. L. 89-554, §7(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 631, the first section of which enacted Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

See note set out under section 661 of this title.

COMPENSATION OF DIRECTOR

The annual rate of basic compensation of the Director was established at \$17,500 by section 107(a)(23) of act July 31, 1956, ch. 804, title I, as added by Pub. L. 86-599, §4, July 7, 1960, 74 Stat. 336. Section 301 of Pub. L. 87-367, title III, Oct. 4, 1961, 75 Stat. 792, repealed section 107(a)(23) of act July 31, 1956, and section 304 of Pub. L. 87-367 directed that the position of Director shall be placed in the appropriate grade of the General Schedule of the Classification Act of 1949, as amended (see chapter 51 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees).

§ 665. Sites for conducting research; availability of personnel and facilities

Research authorized by this chapter may be conducted wherever suitable personnel and facilities are available.

(Pub. L. 86-599, §5, July 7, 1960, 74 Stat. 337.)

§ 666. Public-availability requirement; national defense; patent agreements

No research shall be carried out, contracted for, sponsored, cosponsored, or authorized under authority of this chapter, unless all information, uses, products, processes, patents, and other developments resulting from such research will (with such exceptions and limitations, if any, as the Secretary may find to be necessary in the interest of national defense) be available to the general public. Whenever in the estimation of the Secretary the purposes of this chapter would be furthered through the use of patented processes or equipment, the Secretary is authorized to enter into such agreements as he deems necessary for the acquisition or use of