Background

The President's Intelligence Advisory Board (PIAB), formerly called the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, is a non-partisan, independent entity that provides the President with advice on the effectiveness with which the Intelligence Community is meeting the nation's intelligence needs, and the vigor and insight with which the community plans for the future.

PIAB reports its findings and recommendations on improving the performance of intelligence entities to the President as necessary, but no less than twice each year. On behalf of the President, the Board assesses issues pertaining to:

- Quality, quantity, and adequacy of intelligence activities;
- Effectiveness of organizational structure, management, and personnel; and
- Performance of all agencies of the Federal Government engaged in the collection, evaluation, or production of intelligence or the execution of intelligence policy.

Current Membership and Requirements

Under the Executive Order establishing PIAB, the President may appoint up to 16 members to the Board. Members are selected from national security, political, academic, and private sectors, and may not be full-time Federal government employees. The President designates a Chair from among the Board members who convenes and presides at Board meetings, determines its agenda, and directs its work.

Current Members:

David Boren, Co-Chair Chuck Hagel, Co-Chair Roel Campos Richard Danzig Lee Hamilton Rita Hauser Paul Kaminski Ellen Laipson Lester Lyles
Daniel Meltzer
Judith Miscik
Mona Sutphen
Thomas Wheeler
Philip Zelikow

The President also appoints an Executive Director, who reports to the Chair and manages the professional staff which is selected and detailed from Intelligence Community agencies. The current Executive Director is Stefanie Osburn. Ms. Osburn has served in this role since 2006.

Board members are granted Top Secret/SCI clearances from FBI and given access to all information needed to perform their duties. PIAB typically does not provide board members with secured means to review classified materials at home.

The Board meets once every six weeks, but may meet more frequently (once a month) if working on a particular study. Meetings are held in Washington.

Members of the Board serve without compensation, but may receive transportation and per diem allowances as appropriate.

Intelligence Oversight Board (IOB)

The Intelligence Oversight Board (IOB) is a component of PIAB that oversees the Intelligence Community's compliance with all applicable laws, Executive Orders, and Presidential Directives. The President may appoint no more than five members to serve on IOB. All IOB members concurrently serve on PIAB.

IOB aims to complement and supplement, but not duplicate, the oversight roles of the Director of National Intelligence, Department and Agency Inspectors General and General Counsels, and the Congressional Oversight Committees.

IOB reviews the legality and propriety of intelligence activities and advises the President on intelligence activities IOB believes:

May be unlawful or contrary to Executive Order or presidential directive;

- Are not being adequately addressed by the Attorney General, the Director of National Intelligence, or the head of the department or agency concerned; or
- Should be immediately brought to his attention.

IOB Members:
Chuck Hagel, Chairman
David Boren
Lester Lyles
Daniel Meltzer