

Department of Homeland Security
Weekly Chief of Staff Report
Office of Partnership and Engagement
March 20, 2016 – April 8, 2016

Outreach/Stakeholder Meetings

- On **March 21**, Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) Assistant Secretary Phil McNamara, and Office for State and Local Law Enforcement Assistant Secretary Heather Fong joined Office of Intelligence and Analysis Under Secretary General Frank Taylor for a State and Local Partners meeting to discuss information sharing and homeland security issues. Closed Press.
- On **March 22**, Assistant Secretary McNamara joined, the Office of Intelligence and Analysis, as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigations, for a call with state and local partners, as well as law enforcement to discuss the terrorist attacks in Brussels, Belgium. Closed Press.
- On **March 22**, IGA Deputy Assistant Secretary Alaina Clark and the Office of Academic Engagement, in coordination with the Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer and the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, convened the Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) Semi-Annual Meeting with the following five higher education associations (HEAs): American Association of Community Colleges; American Indian Higher Education Consortium; Asian American and Pacific Islander Association of Colleges and Universities; Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities; and National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education. DHS executed MOUs with the five aforementioned HEAs in October 2014 to incentivize collaboration between the Department and these organizations to show students viable career pathways within DHS while pursuing their degrees. This will be the third meeting of this group. Closed Press.
- On **March 22**, IGA Deputy Assistant Secretary Clark facilitated USCIS's participation to join a call with the National Governors Association and the Governors' DC Office for a call to discuss the EB-5 program. Closed Press.
- On **March 24**, IGA Deputy Assistant Secretary Clark and the Office of Academic Engagement will meet with the University of Arizona regarding their participation on the Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council. Closed Press.
- On **March 29**, IGA Deputy Assistant Secretary Clark and the Office of Academic Engagement will convene a teleconference meeting of the Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council's Subcommittee on International Students. The subcommittee is chaired by Ms. (b)(6) Executive Director and CEO, NAFSA: Association of International Educators. Closed Press.
- On **March 30**, IGA Deputy Assistant Secretary Clark, the Office of Academic Engagement, and Science and Technology Directorate will host an all day workshop with Minority Serving Institutions. The DHS MSI LEAP Workshop: Leveraging Expertise in Academia for Placement in the DHS Enterprise Will provide an opportunity for faculty and students from MSIs to showcase research projects,

accomplishments, and course content that have been developed with S&T funding through collaborative efforts with DHS Centers of Excellence. Participants will be asked to give feedback to the MSIs regarding the relevance of their work, as well as provide information about programmatic priorities and future internship and employment opportunities. Closed Press.

- On **April 2 – 3**, Office for State and Local Law Enforcement (OSLLE) Assistant Secretary Fong and staff will participate in the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Committee on Homeland Security. Homeland security agenda items include security vetting for Syrian refugees, the establishment of the Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Task Force, mobile device encryption, and emergency preparedness. Closed Press.
- On **April 4 – 6**, OSLLE Assistant Secretary Fong will participate in the Southwest Border Sheriff's Coalition (SWBSC)/Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition (TBSC) Joint Annual Meeting. At the joint meeting, officials from CBP, ICE, and the Office for State and Local Law Enforcement will discuss Department priorities and program related to border security, immigration enforcement, and other homeland security issues. Closed Press.
- On **April 5**, IGA Assistant Secretary McNamara and the Tribal Affairs Director David Munro will participate in the White House Council on Native American Affairs. Close Press.
- On **April 6**, IGA Assistant Secretary McNamara will join Secretary Johnson for remarks at the National Emergency Management Association to discuss homeland security priorities. Press TBD.
- On **April 6**, Private Sector Office (PSO) Acting Assistant Secretary Jim Dinneen will tour the American Airlines Emergency Operations Center and receive a briefing on their cybersecurity operations. Closed Press.
- On **April 7**, Deputy Secretary Mayorkas will address, and PSO Acting Assistant Secretary Dinneen will attend, the annual meeting of the World Travel and Tourism Council in Dallas, Texas. Portions Open and Closed Press.
- On **April 14**, PSO Acting Assistant Secretary Dinneen will speak to the Siouland Chamber of Commerce when they visit Capitol Hill. Closed Press.

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- On **April 2 – 3**, Office for State and Local Law Enforcement (SLLE) Assistant Secretary Heather Fong and staff participated in the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Committee on Homeland Security. Homeland security agenda items included security vetting for Syrian refugees, the establishment of the Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Task Force, mobile device encryption, and emergency preparedness. Closed Press.
- On **April 4 – 6**, SLLE Assistant Secretary Fong participated in the Southwest Border Sheriff's Coalition (SWBSC)/Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition (TBSC) Joint Annual Meeting. At the joint meeting, officials from CBP, ICE, and the Office for State and Local Law Enforcement discussed Department priorities and programs related to border security, immigration enforcement, and other homeland security issues. Closed Press.
- On **April 5 – 8**, Intergovernmental Affairs will host, and Assistant Secretary McNamara will participate in, a tribal spring meeting of a small group of tribal staff from various tribal nations and associations from around the country. The principal focuses are to (a) outline transition priorities and action items, (b) further develop tribal engagement planning and QHSR engagement efforts, (c) identify priorities for the annual E.O. 13175 annual work plan, (d) identify tribal interests in various advisory council recommendations (i.e. the Secretary's Homeland Security Advisory Council's recent recommendations) and (e) other topics of interest. Closed Press.
- On **April 6**, Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) Deputy Assistant Secretary Alaina Clark joined Secretary Johnson for remarks at the National Emergency Management Association to discuss homeland security priorities. Open Press.
- On **April 6**, IGA Assistant Secretary Phil McNamara participated in the White House Puerto Rico Task Force meeting. Closed Press.
- On **April 6**, Private Sector Office (PSO) Acting Assistant Secretary Jim Dinneen toured the American Airlines Emergency Operations Center and received a briefing on their cybersecurity operations. Closed Press.
- On **April 7**, Deputy Secretary Mayorkas will address, and PSO Acting Assistant Secretary Dinneen will attend, the annual meeting of the World Travel and Tourism Council in Dallas, Texas. Portions Open and Closed Press.
- On **April 12**, IGA Assistant Secretary McNamara will join General Taylor for a call with the Governors' Homeland Security Advisors, Fusion Center Directors and Regional Directors to discuss areas of concern and collaboration. Closed Press.
- On **April 14**, PSO Acting Assistant Secretary Dinneen will speak to the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce when they visit Capitol Hill. Closed Press.

- On **April 20**, IGA Assistant Secretary McNamara and the Office of Academic Engagement will convene the tenth in-person meeting of the Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council at the Tomich Center in Washington, D.C. The meeting will feature an update from DHS senior leadership on the Department's efforts to implement the Council's approved recommendations, as well as its recent initiatives with the academic community. In addition, the HSAAC's six subcommittees will present progress reports and may present draft recommendations for action in response to the taskings issued by the Department. Secretary Jeh Johnson is scheduled to participate in a portion of the meeting. Open Press.