

Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

**National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NANDS) Council
229th Meeting**

**May 20, 2026
10 a.m.**

AGENDA

Open Session	
10 a.m.	<p>Call to Order and Opening Remarks Dr. Amy Bany Adams, Chairperson Acting Director, NINDS</p>
	<p>Report of the Acting Director, NINDS Dr. Amy Adams Acting Director, NINDS</p>
	<p>Concept Clearance</p>
	<p>Discussion of Director’s Report</p>
11 a.m.	<p>Report of the Director, Division of Extramural Activities, NINDS Dr. Andrea Meredith Associate Director, Division of Extramural Activities Executive Secretary, NANDS Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of February 11, 2026, and March 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes • Confirmation of Dates for Future Council Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spring 2026 Closed Session, June 30, 2026 ○ Fall 2026 Council Wednesday and Thursday, September 9-10, 2026 ○ Winter 2027 Council Wednesday and Thursday, February 10-11, 2027 ○ Spring 2027 Council Wednesday and Thursday, May 19-20, 2027 ○ Fall 2027 Council Wednesday and Thursday, September 8-9, 2027 • Expedited Review Process • Extramural Announcements
	<p>Javits Neuroscience Investigator Award Policy Update Dr. Andrea Meredith Associate Director, Division of Extramural Activities Executive Secretary, NANDS Council</p>

11:30 a.m.	<p>State of Intramural Program</p> <p>Dr. Jeffrey Diamond Scientific Director, NINDS</p>
12 p.m.	<p>NIH Strategic Plan for Disability Health Research FY26–FY30</p> <p>Dr. Theresa Cruz Director of National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research National Institute of Child Health and Human Development</p> <p>Dr. Adele Doperalski Program Director, Division of Neuroscience National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke</p> <p>Mr. Adam Politis Senior Advisor for Disability Health Research Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives</p> <p>Dr. Lumy Sawaki-Adams Program Director, Division of Clinical Research National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke</p>
1 p.m.	<p>Break</p>
2 p.m.	<p>Report from the HEAL Pain Strategic Research Priorities Working Group</p> <p>Dr. Michael Oshinsky Director, NINDS Office of Preclinical Pain Research</p>
3 p.m.	<p>NINDS Small Business Program</p> <p>Dr. Emily Caporello Director, NINDS Small Business Program</p>
4 p.m.	<p>Open Session Adjourns</p>