

**Department Of Health and Human Services
Public Health Service
National Institutes of Health
National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke Council**

**Summary of Meeting¹
August 10, 2026**

The National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NANDS) Council was convened on August 10, 2026, via Zoom. Dr. Amy Adams, Acting Director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), served as Chairperson.

In accordance with Public Law 92-463, the meeting was:

Open: August 10, 2026, 2026: 12:00 p.m. to 12:05 p.m. for the review and discussion of program development, needs, and policy; and
Closed: August 10, 2026, 2026: 12:05 p.m. to 12:11 p.m. for the consideration of individual grant applications.

Council members present: Dr. Robert Brown Dr. Jane Larkindale Dr. Jin-Moo Lee Dr. Hank Paulson	Ex officio members present: Dr. Amy Bany Adams Dr. Stuart Hoffman Dr. Terry Rausch
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Council Roster (Attachment 1)

NINDS employees and members of the public in attendance (Attachment 2)

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

OPEN PORTION OF THE MEETING

I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Dr. Amy Bany Adams, Acting Director, NINDS

Dr. Adams welcomed Council members, visitors, and staff to the meeting of the National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NANDS) Council.

¹For the record, it is noted that members absent themselves from the meeting when the Council is discussing applications (a) from their respective institutions or (b) in which a real or apparent conflict of interest might occur.

II. Initiatives for Concept Clearance

Dr. Andrea Meredith, Director, Division of Extramural Activities, NINDS

Dr. Meredith said there were two reissue and two new concepts for approval.

Concept 1: Renewal of Strategies to Innovate EmeRgENcy Care Clinical Trials Network (SIREN) Infrastructure – Clinical Enrollment Hubs (U24) *Lead: Gretchen Scott, Clinical Research Project Manager, Division of Clinical Research*

Concept 2: Renewal of Strategies to Innovate EmeRgENcy Care Clinical Trials Network (SIREN) Infrastructure – Clinical Coordinating Center (CCC) and Data Coordinating Center (DCC) (U24) *Lead: Gretchen Scott, Clinical Research Project Manager, Division of Clinical Research*

The Council voted to approve these concepts.

III. Adjournment

The open session of the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2026.

CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

IV. Review of Conflict of Interest, Confidentiality, and Council Consideration of Pending Applications

This portion of the meeting was closed to the public in accordance with the determination that it was concerned with matters exempt from mandatory disclosure under sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., and section 1009(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. §§ 1001-1014).

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.

Conflict of Interest – Regulations concerning conflict of interest were reviewed. Councilmembers were reminded that materials furnished for review purposes and discussion during the closed portions of the meeting are considered privileged information. All Councilmembers present signed a statement certifying that they had not been involved in any conflict-of-interest situations during the review of grant applications.

Confidentiality – During the closed session, any information that is discussed and the outcome of any recommendation are considered privileged information. They may not be discussed outside of the closed session. If an applicant requests support for his or her application from a Councilmember, the Councilmember must respond that he/she is not permitted to discuss the application. Any inquiry should be referred to Dr. Andrea Meredith NINDS Advisory Council Executive Secretary, who then will refer the question to the appropriate staff member for response.

We certify that, to the best of our knowledge, the foregoing minutes and attachments are accurate and complete.



Amy Bany Adams, Ph.D.
Chairperson
National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke Council
Acting Director
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke



Andrea Meredith, Ph.D.
Executive Secretary
National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke Council
Director, Division of Extramural Activities
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

These minutes will be formally considered by the Council at its next meeting. Corrections or notations will be incorporated in the minutes of that meeting.

National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke Council
Roster for Summer 2026 Council Meeting
Attachment 1

Amy Bany Adams, Ph.D. (Chairperson)
Acting Director, National Institute of
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Bethesda, MD 20892
(Ex Officio member)

Robert H. Brown, Jr., M.D., D.Phil.* (2025)
Director Program in Neurotherapeutics
University of Massachusetts Chan Medical
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Worcester, MA 01655

Jane Larkindale, D.Phil.* (2026)
Vice President
PepGen Inc.
Cambridge, MA 02142

Jin-Moo Lee, M.D., Ph.D., FAHA* (2026)
Andrew B. & Gretchen P. Jones Professor
Professor, Department of Radiology
Professor, Department of Biomedical
Engineering
Professor, Division of Biology and Biomedical
Sciences
Washington University School of Medicine
St. Louis, MO 63110

Henry L. Paulson, M.D., Ph.D.* (2026)
Lucile Groff Professor of Neurology
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Ex Officio Members

Jayanta Bhattacharya, Ph.D., M.D.
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Stuart Hoffman, Ph.D.
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Robert F. Kennedy, Jr, J.D.
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Executive Secretary

Andrea Meredith, Ph.D.
Director, Division of Extramural Activities
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Terms end July 31 of the designated year

*Serving on an administrative extension to participate in the June 2026 Council Meeting

National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NANDS) Council
August 10, 2026, Meeting
Attachment 2

NINDS employees present for portions of the meeting included:

Amy Bany Adams	Kristi Hardy	Shamsi Raeissi
Mariam Afzal	Jill Harper	Srikanth Ranganathan
Eline Appelmans	Maya Harris	Yogendra Raol
Ram Arudchandran	Adam Hartman	Matthew Rice
Laura Asnaghi	Ali Hassani	Robert Riddle
Herson Astacio	Brian Haugen	Sarah Robinson Schwartz
Taryn Aubrecht	Janet He	Joshua Sanchez
Hibah Awwad	Lanier Heyburn	Cheryse Sankar
Julia Bachman	Rebecca Hommer	Shireen Sarraf
Farah Bader	Mariah Hoye	Lumy Sawaki-Adams
Jennifer Barnes	Nina Hsu	Alisa Schaefer
Jen Beierlein	Justin Jang	Gretchen Scott
Pat Bellgowan	Scott Janis	Mengge Shan
Heidi Bonilla-Ramos	Kari Johnson	Shalini Sharma
Jeremy Brown	Kevin Jones	Frank Shewmaker
Roger Campbell	Noam Keren	Shardell Spriggs
Emily Carifi	Jenny Kim	Sudha Srinivasan
Stacey Chambers	Aaron Kinchen	Rukmareddy Sripathi
Chi Chang	Brian Klein	Elyse Sullivan
Ben Churn	Svetlana Kotliarova	Tao Sun
Carolyn Conlin	Doe Kumsa	Elizabeth Sypek
Christopher Conrad	Lauren Laboissonniere	Thomas Taetzsch
Devon Crawford	Christine Lam	Amir Tamiz
Cheryl Cudzilo	Nick Langhals	Carol Taylor-Burds
Adi Cymerblit-Sabba	Crystal Lantz	Natalie Trzcinski
William Daley	Crystal Lee	Amy Tsou
Karen David	Miriam Leenders	William Tyler
Neel Dhruv	Madeline Ludwig	Lauren Ullrich
Judy Fabrikant	Quynh Ly	George Umanah
Alexandra Fang	Tim Lyden	Ursula Utz
Carlos Faraco	Dina Lyon	Natalia Volfovsky
Nicole Farhat	Heidi Matos	Tish Weigand
Claudia Figueroa-Romero	Sean McCarthy	Rachel Weinberg
Megan Frankowski	Amber McCartney	Matthew White
Lina Garcia	Linda McGavern	Vicky Whittemore
Hermon Gebrehiwet	LaKashea McKoy	Shellie Wilburn
Marie Gill	Andrea Meredith	Sarah Woller
Jordan Gladman	Joan Ohayon	Ling Wong
Gabriel Gonzales	Leslie Osborne	Alynda Wood
Kalynda Gonzales Stokes	Michael Oshinsky	Clinton Wright
Senthil Gounder	Marcy Pape	Patrick Wright
Tom Greenwell	Rebecca Price	Guangying Wu
Amelie Gubit	Michele Pucak	Xiling Yin