Via email and posting

July 30, 2024

**TO:** NAESB Board of Directors, Executive Committee (EC) Members, EC Alternates, NAESB Members, NAESB Advisory Council and Invited Guests

**FROM:** Rae McQuade, NAESB President & Jonathan Booe, NAESB Executive Vice President & COO

**RE:** Announcement of theNAESB Board of Directors, Strategic Session and Meeting of the Members – September 5, 2024

Dear Board Members, EC Members, EC Alternates, NAESB Members, NAESB Advisory Council and Invited Guests,

We are pleased to announce that NAESB will hold its next Board of Directors meeting, including a Strategic Session and the annual Meeting of the Members, on September 5, 2024 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Central in Houston, Texas at the Marriott Marquis Hotel.[[1]](#footnote-1) Participation will also be available utilizing the Zoom platform for those of you that are unable to travel to Houston for the meeting. If you are planning to attend in-person, please RSVP at your earliest convenience so that proper accommodations can be made by the hotel. Logistical information and instructions on how to RSVP are provided below.

The Meeting of the Members and our Strategic Session for 2024 will take place prior to the general business of the Board of Directors. We are pleased to announce that leadership from the two National Petroleum Council (NPC) studies released earlier this year will attend the meeting and present a summary of the studies during our Strategic Session. John Dabbar, Managing Director Low Carbon Technology with ConocoPhillips, will review the findings and recommendations from [*Charting the Course: Reducing GHG Emissions*](https://chartingthecourse.npc.org/) and Darin Rice, General Manager, Hydrogen Strategy & Market Insights with Chevron New Energies, and Mike Kerby, Senior Advisory Corporate Strategic Planning with ExxonMobil, will review [*Harnessing Hydrogen: A Key Element of the U.S. Energy Future*](https://harnessinghydrogen.npc.org/)*.* We are really grateful that NPC leadership recommended these representatives and look forward to learning more about the work that has taken place over the last two years. Their biographies can be found beginning on page three of the posted announcement.

| **NAESB Board of Directors Meeting, Strategic Session and Meeting of the Members****Thursday, September 5, 2024 – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Central****RSVP & Registration Information** |
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| In-Person Attendance | Location: RSVP: | Marriott Marquis Houston1777 Walker Street, Houston, Texas 77010Contact Veronica Thomason at naesb@naesb.org, (713) 356-0060 |
| Virtual Attendance | Please contact the NAESB office.  |

As part of general business, we intend to review our current financial and membership status, the progress on the standards development work included in the 2024 annual plans, and the activities that are underway by our Board committees. An agenda and materials for this meeting will be provided to you shortly. As are all NAESB meetings, this meeting is open to any interested party, and should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office at any time (naesb@naesb.org, (713) 356-0060).

On behalf of NAESB, we want to thank the Board members for their commitment to our organization, and we look forward to your participation on the 5th.

Best Regards,





 Rae McQuade Jonathan Booe

 President, NAESB Executive Vice President & COO, NAESB

**Virtual Board Meeting Instructions**

* Please register through the hyperlink provided in the meeting announcement and agenda. This will serve as your RSVP. Should you have any difficulty registering, please contact the NAESB office.
* After registration, you will receive the meeting link, phone numbers, meeting ID and password. The link you receive is individual – it is specific to your registration and should not be shared. Should you have someone that you would like to invite to the meeting, please contact the NAESB office.
* Meeting participants will be muted on entry to the meeting.
* We ask that the meeting participants remain muted until they are asked to respond to the roll call or have comments or questions. If you have questions or comments, please use the “Raise Your Hand” feature. Once recognized, the meeting participant should unmute themself. When a meeting participant is recognized to speak, the participant should please remember to identify themself and the organization they represent.
* Meeting participants may leave and rejoin the meeting at any time during the session. The session will not be locked.

**Speaker Biographies**

**John M. Dabbar – Managing Director Low Carbon Technology, ConocoPhillips**

John Dabbar is managing director, Low Carbon Technologies for ConocoPhillips. The Low Carbon Technologies group evaluates opportunities and technologies that can closely integrate with the company’s global operations, markets and competencies. The team is focused on a range of options from emissions reduction solutions for existing operations and developing an offset strategy, to assessing renewable and battery storage as well as considering emerging opportunities including carbon capture utilization and storage and the hydrogen economy.

Previously, Dabbar was vice president of Federal and State Government Affairs. In this role, he managed the company’s interaction with U.S. federal, state and local government officials and regulatory agencies, both directly and via the company’s advocacy through major trade associations. He also led the public policy function, evaluating and implementing current and future executive and board-level approvals for the company’s policy in environmental, social and governance (ESG) matters.

In previous positions, Dabbar led the Global Marine organization, with accountability for worldwide marine operations in support of offshore drilling, projects and production, as well as the company’s U.S. flag tanker company. He worked in the former Soviet Union for 15 years, developing upstream projects and managing joint venture activities in Russia, Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan. He also previously managed operations at Four Corners Pipeline Company, a subsidiary of ARCO.

Dabbar sailed as an engineer on many types of commercial vessels and was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Reserve. Holding a Marine Engineering degree from the Maritime College in New York City, with graduate studies in Electrical Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a Master of Business Administration from St. Mary’s College, he has 39 years of experience in energy-related leadership, projects and operations.

**Darin Rice – General Manager, Hydrogen Strategy & Market Insights, Chevron New Energies**

Darin Rice is general manager in Chevron New Energies with responsibility for providing the strategic direction for the global hydrogen business line to help accelerate Chevron’s lower carbon business prospects by bringing understanding of markets and customer segments. He focuses on articulating the customer value proposition and collaborates across the business line to help mature opportunities of customer solutions in the hydrogen transportation, power, industrial, and other difficult-to-abate sectors.

Darin joined Chevron in 2013 and has held a variety of roles throughout his career, and around the world, in process engineering and technology, manufacturing, value chain optimization, planning, strategy and change management including roles in operations and commercial leadership. He possesses extensive experience in the Oil and Gas industry having also worked for Atlantic Richfield and British Petroleum.

Darin holds a B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering from U.C. Davis and is based out of Chevron’s headquarters in San Ramon, California.

**Mike Kerby – Senior Advisor, Corporate Strategic Planning, ExxonMobil**

After completing a PhD from the University of Texas, Austin and a postdoc at the University of California, Berkeley, Mike joined ExxonMobil in 1989. Mike has held senior leadership roles supporting refining, chemicals, and lubricants as well as managing ExxonMobil’s longer-range research activities in support of the energy transition. Prior executive roles include Global Polymer Technology Manager, Corporate Strategic Research Manager, and Vice President for Lubricants Technology. In his current role as Senior Advisor, Mike supports the corporation to achieve its decarbonization goals.

Mike is a past recipient of the American Chemical Society’s Heroes of Chemistry Award for commercializing technology to produce cleaner diesel fuels. He is participating in a National Petroleum Council study focused on the deployment of hydrogen in the U.S. and serves on the Executive Board for Texas A&M’s Energy Institute. Mike holds more than 35 U.S. patents and has served on the National Academies Board on Chemical Sciences and Technology, the Chemical Heritage Foundation, the Texas Bioenergy Policy Council, and the United Way. Mike and his wife, Jill, have three children, Lauren, Michael, and Claire. In his spare time, he enjoys golf, outdoor cooking, and traveling with the family.

1. Information regarding the Marriott Marquis can be found through the following hyperlink: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd090524hotel.docx> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)