Committee Members Present:
Joseph Abate
Lewis Alexander, Chairman
David Allen
Michael Atkin
John Campbell
Peter Cherasia
Lou Crandall
Stephen Daffron
Janice Eberly
Jean Pierre-Fouque
Bennett Golub
Beth Hammad
Trevor Harris
Darryll Hendricks
Simon Johnson
Ron Jordan
Anil Kashyap
Donald Kohn, Vice Chairman
Randall Kroszner
Andy Kuritzkes
Andrew Lo
David Puth
Kim Schoenholtz
Peter Serenita
Prakash Shimpi
Damon Silvers
Chester Spatt
Kay Vicino
Nancy Wallace
Tom Wipf

Committee Members Absent:
Caryl Athanasiu
Stacey Goodman
Larry Lannon
Andrew Metrick
Lynn Stout
Ken Traub
Heather Wilson

Date and Time: July 23, 2015 – 9:35 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 2:40p.m. (EST)

Location: Main Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave, Cash Room, Washington, D.C.

Purpose: Public Meeting

OFR Staff
Richard Berner, Director
Matthew Reed, Chief Counsel
David Johnson, Acting Designated Federal Officer
Greg Feldberg, Acting Deputy Director, Research & Analysis
Con Crowley, Acting Chief Data Officer, Data & Analytics
Morning Session

Welcome and Opening Remarks:

The Office of Financial Research’s (OFR) Chief Counsel, Matthew Reed, and Director, Richard Berner, welcomed the committee members to the sixth bi-annual Financial Research Advisory Committee (FRAC) meeting, presented the day’s agenda, and thanked all contributors of the event.

Following their remarks, Amias Gerety, Acting Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions (Treasury), spoke on the topic of operational risk, with particular emphasis on cyber-security.

OFR Report on past FRAC Recommendations:

Greg Feldberg, acting Deputy Director of the OFR’s Research & Analysis Center (RAC), provided an update to FRAC members on progress that the OFR has made in responding to three previous recommendations put forth by the Research Subcommittee.

OFR Director Richard Berner briefed the FRAC on the OFR’s progress towards implementing three of the six recommendations originated by the Financial Services and Risk Management Subcommittee (FSRM).

Con Crowley, Acting Chief Data Officer of the OFR’s Data and Analytics Division, provided an update to FRAC members on the previous recommendations put forth by the Data and Technology Subcommittee (DTS).

Subcommittee Recommendations and Committee Discussion:

Anil Kashyap, chairman of the Research Subcommittee, provided FRAC members with an update on the subcommittee’s progress under its new format, in which members present a topic related to their area of expertise and moderate a discussion about potential related recommendations.
Michael Atkin, chairman of the Data and Technology Subcommittee (DTS), discussed the two core themes of the subcommittee. The first relates to the focus on standards for identification, description, and location of financial firms and instruments. The second theme of the DTS focuses on the efficiency and value of reporting.

Andy Kuritzkes, the chairman of the Financial Services and Risk Management (FSRM) Subcommittee, presented an update on the Subcommittee’s work agenda.

Beth Hammack, FSRM Subcommittee member and incoming chairman of the subcommittee, presented a recommendation by the Subcommittee’s CCP working group. FRAC members discussed the recommendation but elected to table consideration of the recommendation in the morning session.

**OFR and Committee Discussion – Stress Testing in the U.S. Financial System:**

Greg Feldberg introduced, and the committee engaged in a discussion of, the topic of evaluating and reporting on stress testing.

**OFR and Committee Discussion – OFR’s Role in Data Collection – The Bilateral Repo and Securities Lending Data Collections Pilot Project:**

Susan Stiehm and Viktoria Baklanova of the OFR outlined the OFR’s efforts in data collections and the committee then engaged in a discussion on the subject.

**Afternoon Session**

**Committee Recommendations Vote:**

Committee members resumed consideration of the FSRM Subcommittee’s recommendation on Central Counterparty Clearing Data Collection. As revised through the course of the morning’s and afternoon’s discussions, Chairman Lewis Alexander then called for a vote on the recommendation, which was unanimously adopted and put forth to the OFR.

**OFR and Committee Discussion – Data Sharing:**
Con Crowley opened the discussion with an overview of the OFR’s efforts to provide improved methods for data sharing among FSOC’s member agencies. Crowley then described the Council’s Interagency Data Inventory project. Committee discussion then focused on the complexities of interagency data sharing and how data standards at financial firms may or may not align with regulatory reporting. The committee then discussed the global impact of data sharing and its significance.

**OFR and Committee Discussion – OFR’s Role in Analyzing Operational Risk:**

The committee then engaged in a structured discussion on the OFR’s role in analyzing operational risks.

**Closing Remarks:**

Richard Berner, Director of the OFR, gave closing remarks.

Chairman of the FRAC, Lewis Alexander, and Vice Chairman, Don Kohn, acknowledged the FRAC’s progress over the years and thanked the OFR for its ongoing work.

Matthew Reed formally adjourned the public meeting.