

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON COUNCIL EFFICIENCIES

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) discussed the proposed move to remote meetings for the SSC in September of even years and June of odd years beginning in 2028. The SSC recognizes the cost savings of meeting remotely at least once per year. When the Council decides to schedule remote SSC meeting(s), the SSC would prefer that these meetings be no longer than 2 days and not occur over the weekend (due to issues such as securing dependent care and facilities access at some agencies). The SSC also encourages the scheduling of complex and/or controversial items for in-person meetings, as difficult conversations benefit from face-to-face interaction.

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