

2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: Technical Guidelines Development Committee

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Election Assistance Commission	2026
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Technical Guidelines Development Committee	21509

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	04/11/2025	04/11/2027	

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No		

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
Public Law 107-252, Help America Vote Act of 2002.	10/29/2002	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current	Next
	FY	FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Please note that under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA – 42 USC 15361.Sec. 221) both the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) have joint responsibility for the Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC). HAVA designates the Director of NIST, a full-time

Federal employee, nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate as Committee Chair. Costs in this section are reflective of that statutory responsibility. TGDC functions are set out in law and the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) is instructed to work with the committee and EAC to set these guidelines.

Information related to TGDC can be accessed at <http://www.nist.gov/itl/vote> and TGDC working group meetings can be accessed at <http://www.nist.gov/itl/vote/subcomm-work.cfm>.

Also at

<https://www.nist.gov/itl/voting/general-information-about-nist-eac-public-working-groups>.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The membership of the Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) is established by Section 221 of the Help American Vote Act of 2002. All members and representatives were chosen in keeping with the provisions of that statute.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) meets when necessary to provide the EAC with guidance on technical guideline development, generally twice per year for plenary sessions. The frequency of working group meetings increased to support expanded congressional mandates concerning voting for Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Voters (UOCAVA).

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) established

the Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) to provide expert guidance for the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's (EAC) responsibility to issue Voluntary Voting System Guidelines. HAVA requires use of the TGDC, supported by technical input from the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST), to ensure that voting systems enable all voters to vote securely, privately and independently and that voting systems employ sound technology to support these goals. TGDC also provides technical guidance concerning voting technology for Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting (UOCAVA) as identified in HAVA and other congressional mandates.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

In accordance with P.L. 107-252 (41 U.S.C. Sec. 15361, Chap. 146, Subpart) 3), the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) provides Technical Support for TGDC.

Designated Federal Officer

Ben Hovland Commissioner

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Burkhardt, Craig	04/11/2025	04/11/2027	Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology	Ex Officio Member
Caskey, Bryan	06/30/2022	04/11/2027	Kansas State Director of Elections	Representative Member
Choate, Judd	04/30/2021	04/11/2027	State Elections Director	Representative Member
Cramer, Isaac	09/23/2024	04/11/2027	Executive Director	Representative Member
Golden, Diane	02/06/2020	04/11/2027	Director of National Projects	Representative Member

Hale, Geoff	10/13/2023	10/12/2025	Cybersecurity Strategy & Integration Program Manager	Representative Member
Lux, Paul	07/31/2019	04/11/2027	Supervisor of Elections	Representative Member
Nadolsky, Benjamin	06/06/2023	04/11/2027	Public Board Member	Representative Member
Saunders, Mary	04/30/2021	04/11/2027	Vice President, Government Relations And Public Policy	Representative Member
Schoeller, Shane	11/09/2023	11/08/2025	County Clerk	Representative Member
Wagner, David	02/06/2020	04/11/2027	Professor	Representative Member
Wlaschin, Chris	01/27/2025	04/11/2027	Senior Vice President	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 12

Narrative Description

The TGDC provides technical guidance and assistance to the EAC in developing voluntary voting system guidelines and guidance for overseas voting, as required by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and other Congressional mandates. This process sometimes takes more than one fiscal or calendar year in order to put forth recommendations or reports. Once recommendations are put forth, the staff utilizes the information to create a final document to EAC Commissioners for a vote.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements

Other



Outcome Comments

To provide assistance for states to improve the voting process for U.S. federal elections.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None

Unable to Determine



Under \$100,000

\$100,000 - \$500,000

\$500,001 - \$1,000,000

\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000

\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000

Over \$10,000,000

Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

54

Number of Recommendations Comments

The three most recent resolutions were adopted on 9/20/2019.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

94%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Three resolutions were adopted on 9/20/2019 that have not been fully implemented yet as of the filing of this report.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

The EAC provides feedback about recommendations during public meetings of the TGDC. The public can obtain this information by attending the meetings or by accessing meeting minutes.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site

Publications



Other



Access Comments

N/A