

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Great Lakes Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation Advisory Board

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of Transportation		2025	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Great Lakes Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation Advisory Board		701	
4. Is this New Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	11/18/2024	11/18/2026	
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?
33 U.S.C. 982(b)	05/13/1954	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		
17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	17d. Total
0	0	0	0
Meetings and Dates			
No Meetings			

	Current FY	Next 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?

The St. Lawrence Seaway Act of 1954 directs the establishment of the Advisory Board of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation. Its statutory mandated five members are appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Seaway is a Government corporation, not an agency, and the

Board is not the ordinary type of advisory committee, it is a statutory board that is an inherent part of such a corporation. Although it is advisory in nature, it is the Federal equivalent to a corporate board. It is important that the Corporation obtain the advice of such a varied group who, in an objective manner, provide insight on how the Seaway operations affect various sectors of the public and on how its operations may be improved.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Board's members represent a cross section of sectors affected by or capable of contributing to the operation of the Seaway and, by statute, only three of the five may be members of the same political party. The Board's involvement in these matters gives the Corporation direct access to representatives of private sectors whose experience is vitally germane to the conduct of the Corporation's business, Great Lakes port leadership, maritime and business law, business and investment interests, and Great Lakes area high level public service experience all of which are included in the background of the Board's current membership.

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

The Board accomplishes its purpose through quarterly meetings, as mandated by the St. Lawrence Seaway Act of 1954 at which they give advice directly to the Administrator on major corporation issues current at the time of the meeting. Their advice is reflected in the report for each meeting. The Administrator considers these recommendations in making decisions relative to the issues discussed. Meeting at least quarterly

with the Administrator and other high level Corporation officials enables the Board to keep current with Corporation business and operational initiatives, marketplace and operational conditions, and other principal circumstances directly related to its giving timely and informed advice to the Corporation.

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

Loss of direct access to the expertise of the Board's current members (see 20B) would damage our ability to function as a Government corporation and deletion of this corporate cornerstone would mean a fundamental change in the character of the St. Lawrence Seaway as a Government corporation. The Board has been an integral part of the Corporation since its inception after passage of the Act in 1954. The formal advisory committee process is the best and most proper way the corporation may obtain this unfettered and important input.

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

N/A

21. Remarks

Please note: No more than three members may be from the same political party. The committee's membership currently has 2 vacancies pending presidential selection and appointment.

Designated Federal Officer

Kevin O'Malley Strategic Advisor

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
McMillan, David	10/01/2022	09/30/2025	Board of Regents; University of Minnesota	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Mielke, William	08/01/2022	08/11/2025	President/CEO, Ruekert-Mielke, Inc	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sulzer, Arthur	08/01/2022	08/13/2026	Member; President, Arthur H. Sulzer Associates	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 3

Narrative Description

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

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

The Board's involvement in these matters gives the Corporation direct access to representatives of private sectors whose experience is vitally germane to the conduct of the Corporation's business,

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

NA

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

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

0

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

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

0

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

0

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

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Agency Feedback Comments

NA

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

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

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

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

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A