

# 2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Advisory Allergy and Infectious Diseases Council

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>	<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>
Department of Health and Human Services	2026
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>	<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>
National Advisory Allergy and Infectious Diseases Council	938

<b>4. Is this New Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	06/30/2024	06/30/2026	

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

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

**11. Establishment Authority** Statutory (Congress Created)

<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
42 U.S.C. 284a	11/20/1985	Continuing	No

**15. Description of Committee** Other Committee

**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

<b>Current</b>	<b>Next</b>
<b>FY</b>	<b>FY</b>

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

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

Section 492 of the PHS Act states that The Secretary...shall by regulation require appropriate technical and scientific peer review of -- (A) applications...; and (B)...biomedical and behavioral research and development contracts.... This council is composed of both scientific and public members who provide the second level of peer review; advise on policy development, program implementation and evaluation; and research

needs and opportunities for the Institute. Of the applications that were reviewed by initial review groups for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the Council reviewed 17,327 applications in the amount of \$27,713,052,496.00 in addition the council reviewed 256 research contracts for \$319,615,191.00. Reports to the Council were given by the directors of the Vaccine Research Center and the NIAID Division of Intramural Research.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The National Advisory Allergy and Infectious Diseases Council is composed of not more than 18 members with research interests and responsibilities paralleling those of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Two-thirds of the members are scientists who are outstanding medical or scientific authorities knowledgeable in the fields of immunology, immunologic and allergic diseases, microbiology and infectious diseases, virology, epidemiology, tropical diseases, and sexually transmitted diseases including AIDS. One-third of the members are representatives of the general public with interests in public policy, law, health policy, economics and management. The Committee also includes at least 5 nonvoting ex officio members. The nonvoting ex officio members will include the Secretary; the Director, NIH; the Director, NIAID; the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs; the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (or their designees); and any additional officers or employees of the United States as the Secretary determines necessary for the Council to effectively carry out its functions.

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

The Committee met three times in fiscal year 2025. The National Advisory Allergy and Infectious Diseases Council provides advice on a continuing basis on the type of scientific research programs that should be supported and on how to carry out the designated mission and responsibilities of the Institute. It also provides ongoing review of the relevance and effectiveness of the existing programs. One member serves as a non-voting representative of this Council to the Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council.

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

The National Advisory Allergy and Infectious Diseases Council is composed of both scientific and public members who provide the second level of review for research grant applications; advise on policy development, program implementation and evaluation; and research needs and opportunities of the Institute. The quality, scope, and balance of advice from this council cannot be obtained from NIH staff or from other established sources because the membership of the council is constituted to meet the specific requirements of the mandated mission of the council and of the Institute.

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

The meetings of the National Advisory Allergy and Infectious Diseases Council were partially closed to the public for the review of grant applications. Sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act permits the closing of meetings where discussion could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property

such as patentable material and personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

## **21. Remarks**

Committee Function: Other - National Scientific and Advisory. Reports: This committee did not produce any public reports during the fiscal year. The DFO and Decision Maker are the same person, the Director, Division of Extramural Research because this division depends on recommendations made by the Council, and subsequent federal decisions to carry out its mission. The Charter allows the Committee to have 24 authorized members including but not limited to SGEs and Ex-Officios. The current charter says at least 5 Ex Officio members. The Ex Officio members are the Secretary, NIH Director, NIAID Director, and also designees from the VA, DOD and CDC. During 2025 there were 8 Ex Officio members due to NIH, Department, and NIAID leadership transition. There were both a Secretary and Acting Secretary, HHS, both a Director and Acting Director, NIH, and both a Director and Acting Director, NIAID during FY2025. No new members were on-boarded. That is why the charter states 24 potential members but this ACR lists 23. Dr. Jeanne Marrazzo's term as an ex officio member ended 3/19/2025. Dr. Monica Bertagnolli's term as an ex officio member ended 1/20/2025. Xavier Becerra's term as an ex officio member ended 1/20/2025 Members: Linda Bockenstedt and Stephanie Taylor whose terms were set to expire on 10/31/2024 were administratively extended to 04/29/2025.

## Designated Federal Officer

Kelly Poe Director, Division of Extramural  
Research

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Aldrovandi, Grace	05/19/2024	10/31/2026	Professor, University of California at Los Angeles	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bhattacharya, Jayanta	04/08/2025	01/20/2029	Director, National Institutes of Health	Ex Officio Member
Brown, Emily	01/17/2023	10/31/2025	Co-Founder and CEO, Free From Market	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Estes, Mary	01/17/2023	10/31/2025	Distinguished Service Professor, Baylor College of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gern, James	01/17/2023	10/31/2025	Professor, University of Wisconsin	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Jernigan, Daniel	01/24/2023	01/16/2027	Acting Director, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases	Ex Officio Member
Kennedy, Robert	02/13/2025	01/20/2029	Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	Ex Officio Member
Morel, Laurence	01/17/2023	10/31/2025	Chair and Professor, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Palmer, Guy	01/17/2023	10/31/2025	Regents Professor of Pathology and Infectious Diseases, Washington State University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Pascual, Maria	05/19/2024	10/31/2026	Ronay Menschel Professor of Pediatrics Weill Cornell Medical College of Cornell University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Peebles, Ray	04/07/2024	10/31/2026	Professor, Vanderbilt University Medical Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Shah, Seema	05/05/2024	10/31/2026	Associate Professor, Northwestern University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Smith, David	08/30/2023	12/31/2027	Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, US Department of Defense	Ex Officio Member
Taubenberger, Jeffrey	03/20/2025	12/31/2027	Acting Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases	Ex Officio Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 14**

**Narrative Description**

NIH’s mission is to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability. NIH works toward that mission by: conducting research in its own laboratories; supporting the research of non-Federal scientists in universities, medical schools, hospitals, and research institutions throughout the country and abroad; helping in the training of research investigators; and fostering communication of medical and health sciences information. Section 492 of the Public Health Service Act states that “The Secretary....shall by regulation require appropriate technical and scientific peer review of –(A) applications ...; and (B) ...biomedical and behavioral research and development contracts...”The National Advisory Allergy and Infectious Diseases Council provides second level peer review, makes recommendations for support of grants, contracts proposals, and cooperative agreements; advises on policy

development, program implementation and evaluation; and research needs of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

**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 type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" 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**

NA

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" 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**

NIH supported basic and clinical research accomplishments often take many years to unfold into new diagnostic tests and new way to treat and prevent diseases.

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

234,152

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The number of recommendations includes the second level review of grant applications.

**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**

Information on the research funded by NIH is available through the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website. RePORT provides access to reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities that advance the mission of the NIH, including information on NIH expenditures, strategic plans, reports on NIH funding, and reports on the organization and people involved in NIH research and research training. The RePORT website is located at <http://report.nih.gov>.

**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**

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

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**Agency Feedback Comments**

Information is provided to the public at the open session of each Council meeting through reports and the Director's update. The public can view information related to the Council through the council's official website.

**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**

An action of “approved” or “recommended” for grants receiving review by this Council does not infer that the grant will be or has been funded. Research grant applications submitted to NIH must go through a two-step review process that includes the initial peer review for scientific and technical merit and a second step of review and approval by a National Advisory Council that includes program relevance. In addition, prior to an award or funding being made, NIH staff must conduct an administrative review for a number of other considerations. These include alignment with NIH’s funding principles, review of the project budget, assessment of the applicant’s management systems, determination of applicant eligibility, and compliance with public policy requirements. After all these steps have been completed, NIH officials make funding decisions on individual grant applications.

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

Yes

What is the estimated Number of grants reviewed for approval

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval 17,327  
17,327

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval  
\$27,713,052,496

**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**

Contact IC Committee Management Officer 240-669-5201