

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: District of Columbia Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Commission on Civil Rights

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

District of Columbia Advisory
Committee

3b. GSA Committee

No.

260

**4. Is this New During
Fiscal Year?**

No

**5. Current
Charter**

01/30/2023

**6. Expected
Renewal Date**

01/30/2025

**7. Expected
Term Date**

**8a. Was Terminated During
Fiscal Year?**

No

**8b. Specific
Termination
Authority**

42 U.S.C. 1975

**8c. Actual
Term Date**

9. Agency

**Recommendation for Next
Fiscal Year**

Continue

**10a. Legislation
Req to Terminate?**

Not Applicable

**10b.
Legislation
Pending?**

Pending

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

**12. Specific
Establishment
Authority**

42 U.S.C. 1975

**13. Effective
Date**

09/09/1957

**14. Committee
Type**

Continuing

**14c.
Presidential?**

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory
Board

16a. Total

**Number of
Reports**

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a.

Open

6

17b. Closed 0

17c. Partially Closed 0

Other Activities 0

17d. Total 6

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

The purpose of these meetings is to plan,
discuss, and vote, as needed, on matters
related to the Committee's civil rights project.

Start

End

10/17/2023 - 10/17/2023

The purpose of the briefing is to hear testimony on access to special education and transportation services in DC to students with disabilities. 11/21/2023 - 11/21/2023

The purpose of the meeting is to plan and discuss matters related to the Committee's civil rights project. 01/23/2024 - 01/23/2024

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss briefing planning and select panelists for the upcoming briefings to hear testimony on access to special education and related transportation services for students with disabilities. 02/21/2024 - 02/21/2024

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss briefing planning and select panelists for the upcoming briefings to hear testimony on accessing services for students with disabilities in D.C. public schools. 03/20/2024 - 03/20/2024

The purpose of the meeting is to review the report writing process and discuss the upcoming briefings to hear testimony on accessing special education services for students with disabilities in DC public schools. 04/17/2024 - 04/17/2024

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 6

| | 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. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 18d. Total | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

19. Federal Staff Support Years 0.00 0.00
(FTE)

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee accomplishes its purpose through information-gathering activities to include fact-finding activity, public briefing, and the solicitation of a broad cross-section of viewpoints about civil rights issues in its state and then reports on its findings and recommendations to the Commission.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Consideration is given to a cross-section of those directly affected, interested, and qualified as appropriate to the nature and functions of the Committee. No person is denied an opportunity to serve because of race, age, sex, religion, national origin, or disability. Members include individuals with a demonstrated interest in the civil rights issues of color, race, religion, gender, age, disability, national origin, and voting rights. Membership is fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed, and both major political parties are represented.

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

Depending upon resources, Advisory Committees are encouraged to meet at least four times each year and more often, if possible.

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

Congress has directed the Commission to establish at least one Committee in each state, the

District of Columbia, and the five U.S. territories.
The Committees compose a unique network of diverse citizens who enable the Commission to carry out its advisory purpose.

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

No meetings were closed or partially closed.

21. Remarks

Costs attributed to this Committee are the Commission's share of allocated costs for all Committee activity.

Designated Federal Officer

Ivy Davis Civil Rights Analyst

| Committee Members | Start | End | Occupation | Member Designation |
|-------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Atkins, Michael | 01/21/2022 | 01/20/2026 | Policy Associate | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Barnes, Denise | 01/21/2022 | 01/20/2026 | Publisher | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Borchers, Paul | 01/21/2022 | 01/20/2026 | Literary Escort | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Gubov, Kayla | 01/21/2022 | 01/20/2026 | Special Assistant | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Heard, Wayne | 01/21/2022 | 01/20/2026 | Office of the Administrator | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Inclan, Rocio | 01/21/2022 | 01/20/2026 | Senior Director | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Leen, Craig | 01/21/2022 | 01/20/2026 | Director of Judicial Education | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |

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|--------------------|------------|------------|--|---|
| Lips, Daniel | 01/21/2022 | 01/20/2026 | Director of Cyber and National Security | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Lowery, Charles | 01/21/2022 | 01/20/2026 | Director of State Regulatory Relations | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Peterson, Blake | 01/21/2022 | 01/20/2026 | Policy Advisor | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Schuberth, Dan | 01/21/2022 | 01/20/2026 | Chief Revenue Officer | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Soave, Robert | 01/21/2022 | 01/20/2026 | Journalist/Author | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |

Number of Committee Members Listed: 12

Narrative Description

The Committee supports the agency's mission and strategic plan by advising the agency about civil rights matters with the state within the agency's jurisdiction to review.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

The Committee promotes public policy recommendations on civil rights issues and public awareness of current civil rights issues, including protections and enforcement of federal, state, and local civil rights laws.

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

Through the network of volunteer members to Advisory Committees, the Commission saves money by not having to contract for the services these members provide.

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

24

Number of Recommendations Comments

The committee's advisory function to the agency is satisfied when it engages in activities related to state-based civil rights matters and issues a report to the agency for review and publication. The number of recommendations are recorded from 2003 and include recommendations made to the agency as well as recommendations through the agency to all other entities via the various reports published by the Advisory Committee.

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

5%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The Committee's advisory function to the agency is fully implemented when it reports its findings and recommendations to the Commission in writing or orally. The Commission then forwards those recommendations to the specific entities identified in the

recommendation. As solely a study agency, the Commission has no authority to implement most of the recommendations made by its Advisory Committees.

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

5%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The Committee's advisory function to the agency is partly implemented when it reports its findings and recommendations to the Commission in writing or orally. As solely a study agency, the Commission has no authority to implement most of the recommendations made by its Advisory Committees.

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 Commissioners provide direct feedback to the Committee when the Committee reports are presented at Commission meetings. Commissioners are provided the opportunity to question the Committee Chair on the recommendations and provide direct feedback.

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

As part of the agency's strategic plan, the agency seeks and considers Committee input when it establishes its civil rights program priorities during its program planning process. The agency also solicits research assistance from the Committee in the course of generating the agency's annual statutory enforcement report. In addition, the agency solicits and receives Committee advice on ways to increase the effective utilization of

Committees in the execution of the agency's mission and civil rights matters within its jurisdiction.

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

Access Comments

N/A