

## 2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Massachusetts Advisory Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Commission on Civil Rights

### 2. Fiscal Year

2025

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Massachusetts Advisory  
Committee

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

273

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? 5. Current Charter 6. Expected Renewal Date 7. Expected Term Date

No 01/30/2023 01/30/2025

### 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. 0 17b. Closed0 17c. Partially Closed0 Other Activities0 17d. Total0 Open

### Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next  
FY FY

<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?**

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**

Barbara De La Viez Civil Rights Analyst

**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

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Over \$10,000,000

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Cost Savings Other

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### **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?**

47

### **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.

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

54%

### **% 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?**

44%

### **% 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**

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**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



**Access Comments**

N/A