

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Arkansas Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Commission on Civil Rights

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Arkansas Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

255

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

8

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

8

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Start

End

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss public distribution of the recently published IDEA Compliance and Implementation in AR schools report and to begin discussion of other civil rights topics in the state.

10/23/2023 - 10/23/2023

The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to select the next topic of study.

11/06/2023 - 11/06/2023

To review and vote on a project proposal
regarding right to counsel for the 12/07/2023 - 12/07/2023
Committee's next civil rights study.

Plan a series of upcoming briefings to gather
testimony regarding right to counsel for the 01/19/2024 - 01/19/2024
Committee's current civil rights study.

To plan a series of upcoming briefings to
gather testimony regarding right to counsel 02/14/2024 - 02/14/2024
for the Committee's current civil rights study.

Purpose of meeting is to gather testimony
regarding right to counsel in Arkansas for the 03/11/2024 - 03/11/2024
Committee's civil rights study.

Purpose is to gather testimony regarding
right to counsel in AR for the Committee's 03/12/2024 - 03/12/2024
civil rights study.

Purpose is to gather testimony regarding
right to counsel in Arkansas for the 03/15/2024 - 03/15/2024
Committee's civil rights study.

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 8

	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 (FTE)	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

Melissa Wojnaroski Civil Rights Analyst, USCCR

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bronni, Nicholas	11/17/2020	11/16/2024	Solicitor General of Arkansas	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Carmichael, Holly	11/17/2020	03/07/2024	Counsel and Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Danielle, Williams	11/17/2020	11/16/2024	Assistant Vice Chancellor & Director	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Frazier, Bridgette	11/17/2020	11/16/2024	Administrative Law Judge	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hughes, Kandi	11/17/2020	11/16/2024	Attorney	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Love, Paul	11/17/2020	11/16/2024	Professor of Law	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Maranto, Robert	11/17/2020	11/16/2024	Editor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Nance, Cynthia	11/18/2016	11/16/2024	Attorney	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Rhodes, Andres	11/17/2020	11/16/2024	Deputy Legal Counsel	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Steinbuch, Robert	11/17/2020	11/16/2024	Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Weatherby, Danielle	11/17/2020	11/16/2024	Associate Professor of Law	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 11

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.

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

20%

% 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?

20%

% 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 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.

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

Access Comments

NA