

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Homeland Security

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Merchant Mariner Medical
Advisory Committee

3b. GSA

Committee No.

43006

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

11/02/2022 11/02/2024

6. Expected Renewal Date

11/02/2024

7. Expected Term Date

09/30/2029

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

§ 601 of the Frank LoBiondo
Coast Guard Authorization
Act of 2018, Pub. L. No.
115-282, 132 Stat. 4192 and
is codified in 46 U.S.C. §
15104

13.

Effective Date

10/15/2010 Continuing No

14.

Committee Type

14c. Presidential?

15. Description of Committee

National Policy Issue Advisory
Board

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

	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 National Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee (NMEDMAC) shall advise the Secretary of Department Homeland Security on matters related to: (1) medical certification determinations for issuance of licenses, certificates of registry, and merchant mariners' documents with respect to merchant mariners; (2) medical standards and guidelines for the physical qualifications of operators of commercial vessels;

(3) medical examiner education; and (4) medical research. NMEDMAC will provide a forum for development, communication, and consideration of expert-based and scientific recommendations. NMEDMAC will be responsible for specific assignments and may conduct studies, inquiries, workshops, and fact finding in consultation with individuals and groups in the private sector and with state and local government jurisdictions.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The committee shall have nine members who are health-care professionals with particular expertise, knowledge, or experience regarding medical examinations of merchant mariners or occupational medicine. Additionally, the committee shall have five members who are professional mariners with knowledge and experience in mariner occupational requirements.

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

In FY23, NMEDMAC held two full committees meeting, one in person and one via teleconference.

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

A joint consensus process involving the Coast Guard, medical and health care experts, and maritime community stakeholders is the optimal method to develop mariner medical and fitness competency criteria and to provide recommendations for policy/regulation development.

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

The meetings in FY23 were open.

21. Remarks

Under 46 U.S.C. § 15109(m), the Committee is authorized to continue until September 30, 2029.

Designated Federal Officer

Mayte Medina Chief, Office of Merchant Mariner
Credentialing (CG-MMC)

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Burton, Joshua	01/10/2021	12/31/2024	Professional Mariner	Representative Member
Christman, Elizabeth	01/10/2021	12/31/2024	Professional Mariner	Representative Member
Gallagher, John	01/10/2021	12/31/2024	Health Care Professional	Representative Member
Jarris, Ann	01/10/2021	12/31/2024	Health Care Professional	Representative Member
Karentz, Lesley	01/10/2021	12/31/2024	Medical Professional	Representative Member
Manthey, Joy	01/10/2021	12/31/2024	Professional Mariner	Representative Member
McGovern, Andrew	01/10/2021	12/31/2024	Professional Mariner	Representative Member
Mignogna, Joseph	01/10/2021	12/31/2024	Medical Professional	Representative Member
Reasoner, Margaret	01/10/2021	12/31/2024	Professional Mariner	Representative Member
Reiblein, Emily	01/10/2021	12/31/2024	Medical Professional	Representative Member
Rutenberg, Adam	01/10/2021	12/31/2024	Health Care Professional	Representative Member
Schaub, Eric	01/10/2021	12/31/2024	Medical Professional	Representative Member
Turnbo, James	01/10/2021	12/31/2024	Health Care Professional	Representative Member
Wilson, Carolyn	01/10/2021	12/31/2024	Health Care Professional	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 14

Narrative Description

NMEDMAC serves as a standing board of medical specialists and maritime representatives who provide expert medical advice to the Coast Guard. NMEDMAC also reviews work from other medical advisory boards to recommend uniform guidelines for merchant mariner medical/functional fitness.

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

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

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

In FY23, NMEDMAC held one of the full committee meetings via teleconference.

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

Number of Recommendations Comments

In FY23, the committee made 128 recommendations.

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

60%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Recommendations accepted and/or in process of being developed and disseminated.

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

40%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

We are using NMEDMAC's recommendations to develop international training objectives for seafarers addressing the prevention of bullying and harassment, to include sexual assault and sexual harassment. NMEDMAC's recommendations for mariner mental health and mariner health and wellness, and other recommendations that are recommending action by mariners or other maritime industry stakeholders are made available to the public on the NMEDMAC Homeport website.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

For regulatory matters and policy matters we provide feedback in the preamble to the federal register notice as each final rule or policy is published . We also provide feedback in briefings to the Committee.

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



Action Comments

The Coast Guard considered NMEDMAC's recommendations when we formally proposed that the international maritime community develop training and certification requirements for seafarers to address the prevention of bullying and harassment, including sexual assault and sexual harassment.

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

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

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

Documents are posted on the Coast Guard Homeport website for Committee and public access.