

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations

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1. Department or Agency

Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations

3b. GSA

Committee No.

126

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
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No 10/16/2022 10/16/2024

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

AGEN

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

AGEN

13. Effective Date

12/02/1976

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 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?

During fiscal year 2023, the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries (Joint Board) administered three examinations in actuarial mathematics and methodology pursuant to its mandate under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Committee rendered valuable and unique assistance to the Joint Board by recommending topics to be covered and questions to be asked on the examinations. Such recommendations are necessary to enable the Joint Board to perform its enrollment function. In addition, the Committee reviewed and evaluated

other issues relating to the examinations as the Joint Board deemed necessary.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee represents a broad range of actuarial expertise and experience from a cross-section of the enrolled actuary community. The Joint Board ensures that most viewpoints extant in the enrolled actuary community are represented on the committee by appointing several members from each of the main practice areas, including small employer plans, large employer plans, and multiemployer plans. In addition, the Joint Board appoints members from different geographic locations. Before appointing new members, the Joint Board evaluates the existing composition of the Committee and, to the extent possible, makes selections that ensure that diverse points of view are represented on the Committee.

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

The Committee meets approximately four times each fiscal year. The Joint Board exams are developed according to a specified timetable and meetings are scheduled at key points in the exam development process.

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

Because the Joint Board is the only federal agency responsible for writing actuarial examinations and setting other criteria to determine actuaries' qualifications for enrollment under ERISA, the functions the Committee performs cannot be obtained from other sources within the government. Moreover, the Committee's

functions cannot be performed by members of the Joint Board. The Joint Board consists of five federal government employees, three from the Department of the Treasury and two from the Department of Labor. In addition, a non-voting representative from the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation is appointed to the Board. Each Joint Board member has a full-time government position unrelated to the work of the Joint Board. The Joint Board members have determined that shouldering the entire responsibility for the design and preparation of examinations would entail too great a sacrifice of their other governmental responsibilities.

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

In order to prevent compromises of the examination process, it is necessary to close portions of meetings during which the Committee develops questions for inclusion on future examinations and reviews and sets passing scores for recently administered exams.

21. Remarks

N/A

Designated Federal Officer

Elizabeth J. VanOsten DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Forgrave, Andrew	03/01/2023	02/28/2025	Actuary	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Free, Alex	03/01/2023	02/28/2025	Actuary	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Goehring, Richard	03/01/2023	02/28/2025	Actuary	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Kutikoff, Richard	03/01/2023	02/28/2025	Actuary	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Millner, Jesse	03/01/2023	02/28/2025	Actuary	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Reaume, Christopher	03/01/2023	02/28/2025	Actuary	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sarli, Maria	03/01/2023	02/28/2025	Actuary	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Tepfer, Hal	03/01/2023	02/28/2025	Actuary	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 8

Narrative Description

The Joint Board administers three examinations pursuant to its mandate under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The Joint Board strives to ensure that its examinations are fair and reflect current developments in actuarial mathematics and methodology. The Advisory Committee, which consists of members representing a broad range of expertise and experience, supports this mission by rendering valuable and unique assistance to the Joint Board regarding examination topics and questions.

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 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
Other

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Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None
Unable to Determine
Under \$100,000
\$100,000 - \$500,000
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
Over \$10,000,000
Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

NA

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

368

Number of Recommendations Comments

Each fiscal year, the Advisory Committee develops and recommends 3 examinations and 2 examination program booklets. In addition, the Advisory Committee recommends a passing score for each of the 3 examinations given in that fiscal year.

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

99%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

To date, the Joint Board has accepted approximately 99 percent of recommendations made by the Advisory Committee..

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

1%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

NA

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 Joint Board meets with the Advisory Committee to discuss examination questions and topics, as well as exam results.

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

NA

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 type="checkbox"/>

Online Committee Web Site

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Online GSA FACA Web Site

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Publications

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Other

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Access Comments

N/A