

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal Year

2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Advisory Council

3b. GSA

Committee No.

969

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

06/30/2023 06/30/2025

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

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

42 USC 284a

13. Effective Date

11/20/1985

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

16a. Total

Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a.

Open

0

17b. Closed

1

17c. Partially Closed

1

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

2

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Program Advisory/Second Level Peer Review	10/30/2024	10/30/2024
Program Advisory/Second Level Peer Review	04/23/2025	04/23/2025

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
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	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$16,257.00	\$16,257.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$1,753.00	\$1,753.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$17,357.00	\$17,357.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$43,523.00	\$43,532.00
18e. Total Costs	\$86,690.00	\$86,699.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its
purpose?**

This Council is composed of both scientific and

public members who provide the second level of peer review; advise on policy development, program implementation and evaluation; and research needs and opportunities of the Institute. The Council reviewed 10,922 applications requesting \$19,833,272,908. The Council also reviewed 40 concepts for possible future funding. They provided a second level of peer review of specific laboratories within the Institute's Intramural Program. The Board of Extramural Experts Working Group assisted the Council in several of these duties. The Council met with staff and other experts in open session to work on the development of the Institute's Strategic Visioning Process. The visioning process engages a broad group of stakeholders to develop, communicate, and implement a strategic vision to guide the Institute's priority-setting and decision making over the next five to ten years.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Council is composed of not more than 18 appointed members with research interests and responsibilities paralleling those of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and 5 nonvoting ex officio members. The nonvoting ex officio members will include the Secretary; the Director, NIH; the Director, NHLBI; the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs; the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; (or their designees). Two-thirds of the appointed members are scientists who are outstanding medical or scientific authorities knowledgeable in the fields of heart, blood vessels, lungs, and blood diseases, and one-third of the appointed members are representatives of the general public with interests in public policy, law, health policy, economics, and management.

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

The Council met four times this fiscal year. The Council provides advice on a continuing basis on the type of scientific research programs that should be supported and on how to carry out the designated mission and responsibilities of the Institute. It also provides ongoing review of the relevance and effectiveness of the existing programs. The Board of External Experts Working Group met once (April 8) during the year to advise the Council on programmatic activities. The Lymphatic Disease Commission Workgroup met twice times (April 22 and June 24) during the year to advise the Council on a comprehensive approach to addressing the challenges associated with lymphatic diseases.

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

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Advisory Council is composed of both scientific and public members who provide the second level of review for research grant applications; advise on policy development, program implementation and evaluation; and research needs and opportunities of the Institute. The quality, scope, and balance of advice from this Council cannot be obtained from NIH staff or from other established sources because the membership of the Council is constituted to meet the specific requirements of the mandated mission of the Council and of the Institute.

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

The four meetings of the Council were either partially closed or closed to the public for the

review of grant applications and the Institute's intramural programs. Sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act permit the closing of meetings where discussion could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

21. Remarks

DFO and Committee Decision Maker positions are held by the same individual based on the assignment of responsibilities in the Institute.

Committee Function: Other - National Scientific and Advisory. Reports: This committee did not

produce any reports this fiscal year. Members:

Drs. Victoria Bautch, Mercedes Carnethon, Tina Hartert and Edward Morrissey were administratively extended per the Charter, to allow for their attendance at the winter (February 2025) meeting.

The February 4, 2025 Council meeting was canceled, with plans to reschedule at a later date.

Dr. Memoli is a new Ex Officio as the Acting Director, NIH on January 22, 2025. Dr.

Bertagnolli's Ex Officio as NIH Director ended January 17, 2025. Dr. Fink is a new Ex Officio as the Acting Director, HHS on January 20, 2025. Dr.

Becerra's Ex Officio as Director, HHS ended January 20, 2025. Dr. Kennedy is a new Ex Officio as the Director, HHS on February 13, 2025. Dr.

Fink's Ex Officio as Acting Director, HHS ended February 12, 2025. DFO/Decision Maker: Dr.

Charisse Lamar is the new DFO/Decision Maker, effective August 2024.

Designated Federal Officer

Charisse Lamar Director, Division of Extramural Research Activities

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bautch, Victoria	10/24/2021	04/29/2025	Beverly Long Chapin Distinguished Professor, The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Becerra, Xavier	03/19/2021	01/20/2025	Secretary, United States Department of Health and Human Services	Ex Officio Member
Bertagnolli, Monica	11/09/2023	01/17/2025	Director, NIH	Ex Officio Member
Bhattacharya, Jayanta	04/01/2025	01/20/2029	NIH Director	Ex Officio Member
Bibbins-Domingo, Kirsten	10/24/2021	10/31/2024	Professor and Chair, School of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Carnethon, Mercedes	10/24/2021	04/29/2025	Mary Harris Thompson Professor and Vice Chair, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Carrasquillo, Olveen	11/08/2023	10/31/2026	Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fink, Dorothy	01/20/2025	02/12/2025	Acting Secretary, US Department of Health and Human Services	Ex Officio Member
Fretts, Amanda	06/21/2022	10/31/2025	Associate Professor, University of Washington	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gibbons, Gary	11/01/2012	10/31/2026	Director, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health	Ex Officio Member
Hartert, Tina	10/24/2021	04/29/2025	Professor and Lulu H. Owen Endowed Chair, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Kennedy, Robert	02/13/2025	01/20/2029	Director, US Department of Health and Human Services	Ex Officio Member
King, Allison	11/19/2023	10/31/2026	Professor, Department of Pediatrics, School of Medicine, Washington University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lewis, Eldrin	01/28/2024	10/31/2026	Simon Stertzer Professor of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Memoli, Matthew	01/22/2025	03/31/2025	Acting Director, NIH	Ex Officio Member
Morrissey, Edward	10/24/2021	04/29/2025	Professor of Medicine and Cell and Developmental Biology, University of Pennsylvania	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ofori-Acquah, Solomon	12/17/2023	10/31/2026	Associate Professor of Human Genetics	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Raitt, Merritt	06/16/2023	10/31/2028	Director, Arrhythmia Service, Division of Cardiology, Portland VA Medical Center	Ex Officio Member
Redline, Susan	11/19/2023	10/31/2026	Peter C Farrell Professor of Sleep Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Schnapp, Lynn	08/14/2022	10/31/2025	Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sola-Visner, Martha	08/14/2022	10/31/2025	Associate Professor, Harvard Medical School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Spencer, Susan	11/05/2023	10/31/2026	Senior Vice President, Content & Strategy	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 22

Narrative Description

NIH's mission is to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability. NIH works toward that mission by: conducting research in its own laboratories; supporting the research of non-Federal scientists in universities, medical schools, hospitals, and research institutions throughout the country and abroad; helping in the training of research investigators; and fostering communication of medical and health sciences information. Section 492 of the Public Health Service Act states that The Secretary...shall by regulation, require appropriate technical and scientific peer review of (A) applications...; (B)...biomedical and behavioral research and development contracts... The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Advisory Council provides second level peer review, makes recommendations for support of grants, contract proposals, and cooperative agreements; advises on policy development, program implementation and evaluation; and identifies research needs of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

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 type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input 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

NIH supported basic and clinical research accomplishments often take many years to unfold into new diagnostic tests and new ways to treat and prevent diseases.

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

145,262

Number of Recommendations Comments

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

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Information on the research funded by NIH is available through the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website. RePORT provides access to reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities that advance the mission of the NIH, including information on NIH expenditures, strategic plans, reports on NIH funding, and reports on the organizations and people involved in NIH research and research training. The RePORT website is located at <http://report.nih.gov>. Due to the complexity of the

recommendations made by this committee on policy and programs, staff is unable to determine which recommendations have been fully or partially implemented solely in response to this committee's activities.

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

0%

% 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

Information is provided to the public at the open session of each Council meeting through reports and the Director's update. The public can view information related to the Council through the Council's official website.

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

Action Comments

An action of approved or recommended for grants receiving review by this Council does not infer that the grant will be or has been funded. Research grant applications submitted to NIH must go through a two-step process that includes the initial peer review for scientific and technical merit and a second step of review and approval by a National Advisory Council that includes program relevance. In addition, prior to an award or funding being made, NIH staff must conduct an administrative review for a number of other considerations. These include alignment with NIH's funding principles, review of the project budget, assessment of the applicant's management systems, determination of applicant eligibility, and compliance with public policy requirements. After all these steps have been completed, NIH officials make funding decisions on individual grant applications.

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

Yes

What is the estimated Number of grants reviewed for approval

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval 10,922
10,922

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval
\$19,833,272,908

Grant Review Comments

In FY24, the Council reviewed 10,922 applications requesting 19,833,272,908.

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

Access Comments

NA