2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: Committee for the Preservation of the White House

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of the Interior	2026

3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Committee for the Preservation of the White House	499

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	01/22/2026	01/22/2028	

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No	Executive Order 14354	

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Presidential

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Commitee Type	14c. Presidential?
Executive Order 11145, March 7, 1964	03/07/1964	Continuing	Yes

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear

17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	Other Activities	17d. Total
0	0	0	0	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	$17,500.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	$19,052.50	$62,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	$0.00	$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	$3,865.14	$15,000.00
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. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	$0.00	$18,500.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	$0.00	$0.00
18e. Total Costs	$22,917.64	$113,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.05	1.04

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee reports to the President and advises the Director of the National Park Service with respect to the discharge of his responsibilites under the Act of September 22, 1961, for the preservation and the interpretation of the museum character of the principal corridor on the ground floor and principal public rooms on the first floor of the White House. The Committee makes recommendations concerning articles of furniture, fixtures and decorative objects which are used or displayed in the aforesaid areas of the White House and as the decor and arrangements therein best suited to enhance the historic and artistic values of the White House and such articles, fixtures and objects.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

As prescribed by Executive Order 11145 (as amended by Executive Order 13446), the Committee is composed of: (a) the Director of the National Park Service, who serves as Chair of the Committee; (b) the Curator of the White House; (c) the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution; (d) the Chairman of the Commission of Fine Arts; (e) the Director of the National Gallery of Art; (f) the Chief Usher of the White House; and (g) so many other members as the President of the United States may from time to time appoint. The Director of the National Park Service is to designate an official of the National Park Service to act as Executive Secretary to the Committee.

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

The Committee generally meets one to two times yearly. The Committee advice includes recommendations with regard to the preservation of the museum character and interpretation of the

museum character of the principal corridor on the ground floor and the principal public rooms on the first floor of the White House. The Committee provides advice and counsel on additions being considered for the White House Collection and on the care and refurbishment of rooms and corridors on the State and Ground Floors of the White House.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?
The purpose of the Committee is to report to the President of the United States and advise the Director of the National Park Service regarding the maintenance of the White House as a public monument.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?
Meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks
MEMBERSHIP--The Committee is composed of ex-officio members and Presidential appointees. Each ex-officio member continues to serve as long as the member encumbers the position designated for Committee membership; Presidential appointees serve at the pleasure of the President.

Designated Federal Officer
John J. Stanwich National Park Service Liaison to the White House

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Abernathy, Tiffany	05/01/2025	01/20/2029	Architect, Professor	Representative Member

Bowron, Jessica	05/01/2025	01/20/2029	Comptroller, National Park Service, exercising the delegated authority of the Director	Ex Officio Member
Bunch, Lonnie	06/16/2019	01/20/2029	Secretary, Smithsonian Insitution	Ex Officio Member
Carter, James	05/01/2025	01/20/2029	Architect	Representative Member
Downing, Robert	12/01/2021	01/20/2029	Director of the Executive Residence and Chief Usher	Ex Officio Member
Feldman, Kaywin	03/14/2019	01/20/2029	Director, The National Gallery of Art	Ex Officio Member
Fischer, Jennifer	05/01/2025	01/20/2029	Philanthropist	Representative Member
Haney, Dale	05/01/2025	01/20/2029	Superintendent of Grounds, The White House	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Hayashi-Smith, Donna	05/02/2024	01/20/2029	White House Curator	Ex Officio Member
Matthews, Barbara	05/01/2025	01/20/2029	Public Historian, Historic Consultant	Representative Member
Olsen, Richard	05/01/2025	01/20/2029	Director, U.S. National Arboretum	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Patenaude, Pamela	05/01/2025	01/20/2029	Affordable Housing Consultant	Representative Member
Perot, Sarah	05/01/2025	01/20/2029	Chairman, The Blair House Foundation	Representative Member
Pritchard, Margaret	05/01/2025	01/20/2029	Curator (Retired) Colonial Williamsburg Foundation	Representative Member
Scott, Annette	05/01/2025	01/20/2029	Philanthropist	Representative Member
Walters, Richard	05/01/2025	01/20/2029	Partner, global strategic advisory and communications firm	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 16

Narrative Description

The Committee for the Preservation of the White House reports to the President and advises the Director of the National Park Service on his or her responsibilities under the Act of September 22, 1961, for the preservation and interpretation of the museum character of the principal corridor on the ground floor and the principal public rooms on the first floor of the White House.

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

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	☐
Trust in government	☑
Major policy changes	☐
Advance in scientific research	☐
Effective grant making	☐
Improved service delivery	☐
Increased customer satisfaction	☐
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	☑
Other	☑

Outcome Comments

The Committee advises on the implementation of portions of the Act of September 22, 1961.

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 ☐

Cost Savings Comments
Members of the Committee serve without compensation and are reimbursed for their travel, if requested. Members share their expertise in a variety of subject matter areas affecting the State and Ground Floor rooms of the White House. It is impossible to determine the cost to the government of obtaining this level of expert advice on room design, preservation and the fine and decorative arts.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?
85

Number of Recommendations Comments
No recommendations in FY 2026.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?
100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments
NA

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
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
Feedback is provided through subsequent committee meetings or through emails and mailings.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	☐
Reallocated resources	☐
Issued new regulation	☐
Proposed legislation	☐
Approved grants or other payments	☐
Other	☐

Action Comments

Committee members advise on the preservation and interpretation of the Ground and State floor rooms of the White House and on the acquisition of fine and decorative arts for the White House Collection.

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	☑
Online Agency Web Site	☑
Online Committee Web Site	☐
Online GSA FACA Web Site	☑
Publications	☐
Other	☑

Access Comments

Please contact John Stanwich, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 219-0322 or john_stanwich@nps.gov for information on the Committee.