

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Committee for the Preservation of the White House

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Committee for the Preservation of the White House

3b. GSA

Committee No.

499

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

5. Current Charter

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

No

01/08/2024 01/08/2026

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Executive Order
14109

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

Presidential

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Executive Order 11145,
March 7, 1964

13. Effective Date

03/07/1964

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

Yes

15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

1

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

The Committee will discuss policy changes
and review potential acquisition items.

Start

End

12/16/2024 - 12/16/2024

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	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. 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)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

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 responsibilities 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

The Committee met once in FY 2024. Re 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
Ashford, Penny	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	Photographer	Representative Member
			President & CEO	
Bowman, Leslie	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	Emeritus, Thomas Jefferson Foundation, Inc.	Representative Member

Buchanan, Mel	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	RosaMary Curator of Decorative Arts and Design, New Orleans Museum of Art	Representative Member
Bunch, Lonnie	06/16/2019	01/20/2025	Secretary, Smithsonian Insitution	Ex Officio Member
Cooper, Wendy	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	Curator Emerita of Furniture, Winterthur Museum	Representative Member
Downing, Robert	12/01/2021	01/20/2025	Director of the Executive Residence and Chief Usher	Ex Officio Member
Feldman, Kaywin	03/14/2019	01/20/2025	Director, The National Gallery of Art Chief Public Affairs	Ex Officio Member
Frank, John	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	Officer, Illumina	Representative Member
Hayashi-Smith, Donna	06/02/2023	01/20/2025	White House Curator	Ex Officio Member
Haynes, Lauren	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	Director of Curatorial Affairs and Programs, Queens Museum	Representative Member
Lasser, Ethan	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	John Moors Cabot Chair of the Art of the Americas, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston	Representative Member
Lehrer-Stein, Janni	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	Attorney and Disability Rights Activist	Representative Member
Norton, Dean	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	Director of Horticulture and Livestock, George Washington's Mount Vernon	Representative Member

Nylander, Richard	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	Curator Emeritus, Historic New England	Representative Member
Pritzker, M	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	First Lady of Illinois	Representative Member
Sams, Charles	12/16/2021	01/20/2025	National Park Service Director	Ex Officio Member
Susman, Ellen	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	President, Susman Family Foundation	Representative Member
Tederick, Lydia	01/21/2017	01/20/2025	White House Curator	Ex Officio Member
Tsien, Billie	06/17/2021	01/20/2025	Architect	Ex Officio Member
Wilmerding, John	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	Professor of Art Emeritus, Princeton University	Representative Member
Luebke, Thomas [Preservation of the White House Grounds]	04/14/2023	01/20/2025	Secretary, U.S. Commission on Fine Arts	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 21

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" 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 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 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	<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

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?

81

Number of Recommendations Comments

In FY 2024 10 recommendations were made all of which were implemented. Curatorial staff provided bi-monthly reports to keep members apprised of office projects. Highlighted curatorial designed exhibits in the Ground Floor Corridor and West Wing hallway. LED lighting replaced decades old incandescent lighting in Vermeil Room display cases.

Museum Educator Rebecca Ljungren joined the Curator's Office staff in October. The curatorial archives storage room underwent a full renovation. Glazing is being applied to president and first lady portraits. Acquisition of a Bellangé pier table for the Blue Room. Acquisition of an 1818 William King armchair originally purchased for the White House by President James Monroe. Discussion regarding the return of long-term loans of furniture from the Philadelphia Museum of Art and a portrait from a private lender. Discussion about maintenance projects for the East Room, Cross Hall, and Entrance Hall and seeking guidance from interior decorators.

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

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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	<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

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

Access Comments

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