

2026 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

2026

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Committee for the Preservation of the White House

3b. GSA

Committee No.

499

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

01/22/2026

6. Expected Renewal Date

01/22/2028

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Executive Order
14354

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

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current	Next
	FY	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 2025. 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
Abernathy, Tiffany	05/01/2025	01/20/2029	Architect, Professor Comptroller, National Park Service,	Representative Member
Bowron, Jessica	05/01/2025	01/20/2029	exercising the delegated authority of the Director	Ex Officio Member
Bunch, Lonnie	06/16/2019	01/20/2029	Secretary, Smithsonian Institution	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	<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?

85

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Committee made four recommendations in FY 2025. 1. Approved Replacement of Diplomatic Reception Room Vestibule Wallpaper The existing wallpaper is badly damaged and further conservation efforts are not an option for consideration as the environment of the space is unstable and unregulated. The space is a high-trafficked area, and as it is the main entrance and difficult to close off for a lengthy time period. 2. Approved Possible Acquisition of Elizabeth Monroe Portrait, attributed to John Vanderlyn This portrait has been on long-term loan to the White House and currently hangs on the southeast wall of the Blue Room. The Committee and Curator's office hope to resolve issues associated with of long-term collection loans. 3. Approved Donation of Carmen Herrera's Painting Dia Feriado This acrylic on canvas painting was created in 2011 when Herrera was 96 years old. It was exhibited at SITE Santa Fe in 2024 and has only been in the artist's collection. Donation was offered by artist's estate. An exemption was approved to waive the 25-year deceased artist rule. 4. China Room Lighting Upgrade Plan Based on last year's Vermeil Room upgrade, lighting in the China Room will be upgraded to LED

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

White House Library Children's Book Collection created at the direction of Dr. Jill Biden. Maintenance Priorities Assessment Conducted by interior design subject matter experts as recommended by the committee for the East Room, Cross Hall, and Entrance Hall. Continued discussion with Philadelphia Museum of Art regarding return of long-term furniture and portrait from private lender. Architectural Drawing of 1962 State Dining Room mantel acquired. New public tour experience was implemented providing visitors an improved opportunity for understating, engagement and accessibility. Under the direction of Dr. Biden, staff collaborated with the History Channel and ESI for development.

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.