

## 2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Park System Advisory Board

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

### 2. Fiscal Year

2025

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Park System Advisory  
Board

### 3b. GSA Committee

No.

559

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

### 5. Current Charter

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

### 7. Expected Term Date

No 05/24/2023 05/24/2025

### 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

Agency Authority

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

54 U.S.C. 100906

### 13. Effective Date

08/18/1970

### 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

1 17b. Closed0 17c. Partially Closed0 Other Activities0 17d. Total 1

### Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Start

End

Purpose of the Meeting: The Board discussed the final interim recommendations related to Executive Order 14121, Recognizing and Honoring Women's History, the final Tourism Committee recommendations, and other topics as appropriate. There was an opportunity for public comment. The final agenda and briefing materials was posted to the Board's website prior to the meeting at 12/09/2024 - 12/10/2024  
<https://www.nps.gov/resources/advisoryboard.htm>  
 Interested parties had the opportunity to attend the Board meeting virtually and, upon request, may choose to make oral comments at the virtual meeting during the designated time for this purpose. Depending on the number of people wishing to comment and the time available, the amount of time for oral comments may be limited.

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1**

	<b>Current Next</b>	
	<b>FY</b>	<b>FY</b>
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

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

The Board meets in an open, public forum receiving briefings and status updates from National Park Service officials regarding matters which have been or are scheduled to come before the Board, and/or issues in which the Board has expressed interest. Opportunity is provided for public response/comment on issues for consideration by the Board in formulating its recommendations. The use of a committee structure has enabled the Board to reach beyond its membership and tap expertise of non-members, greatly facilitating broadened accomplishments.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

Membership is composed of up to 15 citizens of the United States who have a demonstrated commitment to the mission of the National Park Service. Members are selected to represent various geographic areas across the United States of America. Members are appointed as follows: At least three members with outstanding expertise in one or more of the following fields: history, archeology, anthropology, historical or landscape architecture, biology, ecology, marine sciences, or social science. At least three members with outstanding expertise and prior experience in the management of national or state parks, protected areas, or natural or cultural resources management. At least two members with outstanding expertise in another professional or scientific discipline, such as financial management, recreation-use management, land-use planning, or business management important to the mission of the National Park Service. At least one member that is a locally elected official from an area adjacent to a park. At least one member that is a member of a federally

recognized Tribe. At least one member that is a veteran and/or has professional or personal experience related to accessibility issues.

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

Meetings of the full Board generally are scheduled up to twice a year, with interim meetings of committees as needed to conduct research and fact finding relevant to matters to come before the Board. The Board advice includes recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior on the designation of National Historic Landmarks (NHLs), National Natural Landmarks (NNLs), and recommendations as to the national historic significance of proposed national historic trails (NHTs). The Board met once in FY24.

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

The National Park System Advisory Board to date is the only advisory body of its kind within the Department of the Interior with a mandate to advise the Secretary on issues relating to the National Park System in general. The Board has met regularly since its inception in 1935 with the exception of four lapses in its legislative authority. In each instance, procedures were implemented to administratively re-establish the Board by authority of the Secretary of the Interior.

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

All meetings of the Board are open.

**21. Remarks**

The Board charter expired in January 2023 and was re-established in May 2023. The Board met once in person in FY24 (May) where it received

briefings from the National Park Service and established a new committee in accordance with Executive Order 14121: The Committee on Recognizing Women's History. The Board also approved for the Secretary's consideration National Historic Landmarks nominations and one National Natural Landmark nomination.

## Designated Federal Officer

Alma Ripps Chief, Office of Policy, National Park Service

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Blair, Bowen	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	Writer; J.D. in Environmental Law, Lewis and Clark College (expertise in management of protected areas)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cava, Daniella	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	Mayor - Miami Dade County, Florida	Representative Member
Coble, Theresa	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	Professor, Experimental and Family Education, University of Missouri; Ph.D. in Forest Resources, University of Minnesota (expertise in the area of social science)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
DeCoteau, Aja	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	Executive Director, Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission	Representative Member
Douglas, Shane	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	General Manager, AllTrails; Board Member, Outdoor Afro & Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy (expertise in business)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Galan, Victor	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	Ph.D. in Anthropology and Representative Geoarcheology, Member Texas A&M University Director, Centre for Biodiversity Outcomes, Special Arizona State Government Employee (SGE) Member (expertise in areas of biology and ecology)
Iacona, Gwen	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	Director, Wallace Stegner Center for Land, Resources and the Environment, University of Utah (expertise in the area of history) President and CEO, American Rivers (expertise in natural resources management)
Keiter, Robert	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kiernan, Thomas	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Robertson, Breece	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	Chief Impact Officer, One Tree Planted; M.A. Geography, Appalachian State University (SGE) Member (expertise in the area of geography) Chickasaw Nation Endowed Chair in Native American Law Emeritus, University of Oklahoma College of Law (expertise in the area of history)
Robertson, Lindsay	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Member Name	Start Date	End Date	Organization	Role
Sumption, Lisa	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	Director, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (expertise in natural and cultural resources management)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Thompson, Jessica	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	Professor, College of Business and Director for the Sustainability Hub for Innovation & Environment, Northern Michigan University (expertise in the area of social science)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ward, Molly	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	Board Member, Fort Monroe Foundation & Chesapeake Conservancy; Former Secretary of Natural Resources, Commonwealth of Virginia; Former Mayor, City of Hampton, Virginia (expertise in the area of financial management)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wilson, Reid	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	Secretary, North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (expertise in the areas of natural and cultural resources management)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Ahtone, Heather [Committee on Recognizing Women's History]	07/16/2024	07/16/2025	Director of Curatorial Affairs	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Baker, Tanya [Committee on Recognizing Women's History]	07/16/2024	07/16/2025	Executive Director National Writing Project	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Danziger Halperin, Anna [Committee on Recognizing Women's History]	07/16/2024	07/16/2025	Associate Director, Center for Women's History NY Historical Society	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hull, Stephanie [Committee on Recognizing Women's History]	07/16/2024	07/16/2025	CEO, Girls Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Norwood, Arlisha [Committee on Recognizing Women's History]	07/16/2024	07/16/2025	Assistant professor, University of Maryland, Eastern Shore	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Anderson, David [National Historic Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	Professor, Department of Anthropology, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN	Representative Member
Capo, Jr., Julio [National Historic Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	Associate Professor, Department of History and Wolfsonian Public Humanitian Lab, Florida International University; Miami, FL	Representative Member
Carr, Ethan [National Historic Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning, Amhearst, MA	Representative Member
Falk, Cynthia [National Historic Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	Professor of Material Culture, State University of New York College at Oneonta, Cooperstown, NY	Representative Member



Jacobs Thompson, Sharita [National Historic Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	Independent Scholar and Consultant, Washington, DC	Representative Member
Longstreth, Richard [National Historic Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	Professor Emeritus, Department of American Studies, The George Washington University, Washington, DC	Representative Member
Lord, Alexandra [National Historic Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	Chair and Curator, Division of Medicine and Science, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC	Representative Member
Noble, Vergil [National Historic Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	Archeologist (retired), National Historic Landmarks Program National Park Service, Ashland, NE	Representative Member
Smith, Adam [National Historic Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	Architectural Historian, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Champaign, IL	Representative Member
Van West, Carroll [National Historic Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023	05/24/2027	Professor of History and Director of the Center for Historic Preservation, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN	Representative Member

Wilson, Richard [National Historic Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023 05/24/2027	Commonwealth Professor, Department of Architectural History, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA	Representative Member
Rupert, Sherry [Tourism Committee]	08/14/2023 05/27/2025	AIANTA CEO	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 32

Narrative Description

The National Park System Advisory Board advises the Director of the National Park Service and the Secretary of the Interior on matters relating to the National Park Service, the National Park System, and programs administered by the National Park Service, including the administration of the Historic Sites, Buildings, and Antiquities Act; the designation of national historic landmarks (NHLs) and national natural landmarks (NNLs); and the national historic significance of proposed national historic trails (NHTs). The Board also advises on matters submitted to the Board by the Secretary or the Director, as well as any other issues identified by the Board.

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Outcome Comments

N/A

## 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

N/A

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

629

## Number of Recommendations Comments

In FY 2024 the Board met once and approved 17 recommendations to submit to the Secretary, 16 National Historic Landmark related recommendations, and 1 National Natural Landmark designation recommendations. National Historic Landmarks Recommendations During its meeting on May 1-2, 2024, the Board found that these properties met the National Historic Landmarks criteria and voted to recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the designation of the following properties as National Historic Landmarks with the Criteria as shown below. 1. Latte Quarry at As Nieves, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (Criteria 4 and 6) 2. The Furies Collective, Washington, DC (Criterion 1) 3. Big Bone Lick Site, Union, KY (Criterion 1) 4. Kregel Windmill Company Factory, Nebraska City, NE (Criterion 1) 5. Charleston Cigar Factory, Charleston, SC (Criterion 1) Also, at its meeting on May 1-2, 2024, the Board recommended acceptance of updated documentation for the following existing National Historic Landmarks: 1. Sitka Naval Operating Base and U.S. Army Coastal Defenses (updated documentation), Sitka, AK 2. Ladd Field (updated documentation), Fairbanks, AK 3. Pu'ukohol Heiau (updated documentation, boundary change), Kawaihae, HI 4.

Quincy Mining Company Historic District (updated documentation, boundary change), Houghton County, MI 5. Calumet Historic District (updated documentation, boundary change), Calumet, MI 6. Watkins Mill (updated documentation), Lawson, MO 7. Fort Brown (updated documentation, boundary change), Brownsville, TX 8. Cedar Creek Battlefield and Belle Grove (updated documentation, boundary change), Middletown, VA 9. Wyoming State Capitol Building and Grounds (updated documentation), Cheyenne, WY Thirdly, at its meeting on May 1-2, 2024, the Board recommended withdrawal of designation for the following National Historic Landmarks: 1. Josephus Daniels House (Wakestone), Raleigh, NC 2. USS Clamagore (former), Mount Pleasant, SC Lastly, at its May 1-2, 2024, meeting the Board recommended to the Secretary one National Natural Landmark designation. The Board found that the following property meet the national significance criteria and voted to recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the designation of the 1. Independence Creek Preserve, Terrell County, Texas

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

87%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

Since its establishment as a FACA group in 1997, the Secretary of the Interior has approved all 527 National Historic Landmark, National Natural Landmark, and National Trails System recommendations submitted by the Board.

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

13%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Since its establishment as a FACA group in 1997, the Board has submitted 85 recommendations to the NPS other than those associated with National Natural Landmarks, National Historic Landmarks, or the National Trails System programs. These recommendations inform and guide NPS decision-making and NPS programs related to topics including workforce planning, visitor experience, and philanthropy.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

National Park Service officials provide oral or written briefings or status reports during meetings of the Board.

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" 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**

N/A

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

No

**Grant Review Comments**

N/A

**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**

N/A