2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Park System Advisory Board

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of the Interior	2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
National Park System Advisory Board	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 FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
Yes		05/25/2025

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

11. Establishment Authority	Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Commitee Type	14c. Presidential?
54 U.S.C. 100906	08/18/1970	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee	Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports	2

16b. Report Date	Report Title	
03/11/2025	Draft CRWH Final Recommendations 03_11_2025 (Clean) 5_23_25	[Committee on Recognizing Women's History]

12/23/2024	Strategies for Advancing Stewardship: Aligning Tourism, Conservation and Partnerships in the National Park Service	[Tourism Committee]

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 2

17a. Open 2 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 2

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 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.	12/09/2024	12/10/2024
[National Historic Landmarks Committee]	Meeting to discuss pending NHL nominations--two new designations, and four amended designations.	05/22/2025	05/22/2025

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	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	$151,475.49	$155,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	$8,580.00	$9,000.00

18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	$0.00	$27,375.00
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	$1,310.00	$1,400.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	$0.00	$5,465.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	$5,747.60	$50.00
18e. Total Costs	$167,113.09	$198,290.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.67	0.67

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 FY25.

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 overall issues relating to the National Park System and National Park System programs. 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 National Park System Advisory Board met once in FY25 prior to its charter expiring on May 25, 2025. As a result, the Board and its members' terms have terminated.

Designated Federal Officer
Alma Ripps Chief, Office of Policy, National Park Service

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Blair, Bowen	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	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	05/25/2025	Mayor - Miami Dade County, Florida	Representative Member
Coble, Theresa	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	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	05/25/2025	Executive Director, Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission	Representative Member
Douglas, Shane	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	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	05/25/2025	Ph.D. in Anthropology and Geoarcheology, Texas A&M University	Representative Member
Iacona, Gwen	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	Director, Centre for Biodiversity Outcomes, Arizona State University (expertise in areas of biology and ecology)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Keiter, Robert	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	Director, Wallace Stegner Center for Land, Resources and the Environment, University of Utah (expertise in the area of history)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kiernan, Thomas	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	President and CEO, American Rivers (expertise in natural resources management)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Robertson, Deborah	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	Chief Impact Officer, One Tree Planted; M.A. Geography, Appalachian State University (expertise in the area of geography)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Robertson, Lindsay	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	Chickasaw Nation Endowed Chair in Native American Law Emeritus, University of Oklahoma College of Law (expertise in the area of history)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sumption, Lisa	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	Director, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (expertise in natural and cultural resources management)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Thompson, Jessica	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	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	05/25/2025	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, Daniel	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	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	05/25/2025	Director of Curatorial Affairs	Representative Member
Baker, Tanya [Committee on Recognizing Women's History]	07/16/2024	05/25/2025	Executive Director National Writing Project	Representative Member
Danziger Halperin, Anna [Committee on Recognizing Women's History]	07/16/2024	05/25/2025	Associate Director, Center for Women's History NY Historical Society	Representative Member
Hull, Stephanie [Committee on Recognizing Women's History]	07/16/2024	05/25/2025	CEO, Girls Inc.	Representative Member
Norwood, Arlisha [Committee on Recognizing Women's History]	07/16/2024	05/25/2025	Assistant professor, University of Maryland, Eastern Shore	Representative Member
Anderson, David [National Historic Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	Professor, Department of Anthropology, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN	Representative Member
Capo, Jr., Julio [National Historic Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	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	05/25/2025	Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning, Amhearst, MA	Representative Member

Falk, Cynthia [National Historic Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	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	05/25/2025	Independent Scholar and Consultant, Washington, DC	Representative Member
Longstreth, Richard [National Historic Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	Professor Emeritus, Department of American Studies, The George Washington University, Washington, DC	Representative Member
Lord, Alexandra [National Historic Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	Chair and Curator, Division of Medicine and Science, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC	Representative Member
Noble, Vergil [National Historic Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	Archeologist (retired), National Historic Landmarks Program National Park Service, Ashland, NE	Representative Member
Smith, Adam [National Historic Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	Architectural Historian, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Champaign, IL	Representative Member
Van West, Carroll [National Historic Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	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	05/25/2025	Commonwealth Professor, Department of Architectural History, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA	Representative Member
Earle, Sylvia [National Natural Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	Marine Biologist, Center for Marine Conservation Ambassador for the Ocian	Representative Member

Francis, John [National Natural Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	Vice President, National GEographic Society	Representative Member
Jacobs, Louis [National Natural Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	President, Institute for the Study of Earth and Man, Southern Methodist University	Representative Member
Robinson, Delores [National Natural Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	Professor, Department of Geological Sciences, University of Alabma	Representative Member
Sztein, Ester [National Natural Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	Director of International Programs, The Geological Society of America	Representative Member
Wein, Gary [National Natural Landmarks Committee]	05/24/2023	05/25/2025	Executive Director Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust	Representative Member
Rupert, Sherry [Tourism Committee]	08/14/2023	05/25/2025	AIANTA CEO	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 38

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	✓
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

N/A

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

N/A

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

721

Number of Recommendations Comments

In FY 2025 the Board met once and approved 92 recommendations to submit to the Secretary: 71 recommendations for revising tourism policy, 20 National Historic Landmark related recommendations, and 1 National Natural Landmark designation recommendation. During the December 9-10, 2024, meeting, the Board also approved 77 interim recommendations, grouped under 5 general strategies, presented by the Committee on Recognizing Women’s History. The interim recommendations were

scheduled to be discussed and finalized at a March 2025 Board meeting that was cancelled. The interim recommendations were not sent to the Secretary since they were never finalized and not counted in the cumulative recommendations total. Tourism Policy Recommendations During its meeting on December 9-10, 2024 (FY25), the Board approved 71 final recommendations for updating the National Park Service's tourism policy (Director's Order #17). By mid-September 2025, 28 of the 71 recommendations (39.4%) have been partially implemented by the NPS. National Historic Landmarks Recommendations Also during its meeting on December 9-10, 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. Azurest South, Petersburg, VA (Criteria 1 and 4; exception 8) 2. Blue Ridge Parkway, multiple, NC and VA (Criterion 1 and 4; Exception 8) 3. Boulder County Courthouse, Boulder, CO (Criterion 1) 4. F.W. Woolworth Company Building, Greensboro, NC (Criterion 1) 5. Peter Hurd and Henriette Wyeth House and Studios, San Patricio, NM (Criterion 2) 6. Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, VA (Criterion 1) 7. Lucknow, Moultonborough, NH (Criterion 4) 8. Manenggon Concentration Camp, Yona, GU (Criterion 1) 9. MR. CHARLIE Offshore Oilrig, Morgan City, LA (Criteria 1 and 4) 10. Lucy Diggs Slowe and Mary Burrill House, Washington, D.C. (Criteria 1 and 2) 11. Summit Camp, Placer and Nevada Counties, CA (Criteria 1 and 6) 12. Tor House (Robinson Jeffers Home), Carmel, CA (Criterion 2) 13. Reeve REA Power Generating Plant, Hampton, IA (Criterion 1) 14. Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, NY (Criterion 4) In addition, at its meeting on December 9-10, 2024, the Board recommended acceptance of updated documentation for the following existing National Historic Landmarks: 1. Fort William H. Seward (Chilkoot Barracks), Haines, AK 2. Monocacy Battlefield, Frederick, MD 3. Carrie Blast Furnaces Number 6 and 7, multiple, Alleghany County, PA 4. Fort Monroe, Hampton, VA 5. Fort Worden, Port Townsend, WA Also, at its meeting on December 9-10, 2024, the Board recommended withdrawal of designation for the following National Historic Landmark: 1. FALLS OF CLYDE, (four-masted oil tanker) Honolulu, HI At its December 9-10, 2024, meeting the Board also recommended to the Secretary one National Natural Landmark designation. The Board found that the following property meets the national significance criteria and voted to recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the designation of the following National Natural Landmark: 1. Nantucket Barrier Beach and Wildlife Refuge, Nantucket, MA. Lastly, at its December 9-10, 2024, meeting the Board amended and approved 77 interim recommendations presented by the Committee on Recognizing Women's History. These will not be sent to the Secretary until finalized and approved at a future Board meeting.

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

78%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Since its establishment as a FACA group in 1997, including this fiscal year, the Secretary of the Interior has approved all 565 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?

18%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Since its establishment as a FACA group in 1997, including this fiscal year, the Board has submitted 156 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, philanthropy, and tourism, and may be partially or fully implemented over several years. In FY25, 39.4% of the tourism report recommendations were partially implemented.

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	☑
Reallocated resources	☑
Issued new regulation	☐
Proposed legislation	☐
Approved grants or other payments	☐
Other	☐

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

Access Comments

N/A