

**2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: Mary McLeod Bethune Council House
National Historic Site Advisory Commission**

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of the Interior	2026
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site Advisory Commission	243

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	05/12/2015		

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No		

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

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
Sec. 4, Public Law 102-211	12/11/1991	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

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?

No meetings were held in FY25. The Commission was established by Congress to advise the Secretary of the Interior in the development of the now-completed General Management Plan for the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site. The Commission is also authorized

to meet and consult on matters relating to the management and development of the historic site.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

As prescribed by the enabling legislation, the Commission is composed of members who were appointed from recommendations submitted by the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., and other national organizations in which Mary McLeod Bethune played a leadership role. Members have also been appointed to provide professional expertise in the history of African American women and historic preservation.

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

The Commission did not meet in FY25. Meetings are relevant as they provide time for the Commission and subcommittees to prepare reports with recommendations.

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

The Commission is comprised of a number of the country's foremost experts in women's history, along with experts in marketing and educational program development. The NPS has worked hard to get this Commission up and running because it is key to improving the relationship between the NPS and the community that was strained after the site's archives were moved off-site to protect them without proper notice to the community. One of the key roles the NPS has asked the Commission to play is to help develop the park's planning document portfolio. Additionally, the Park is committed to increasing engagement with MAMC stakeholders and to furthering the legacy of Mrs. Bethune through new and updated

programming and site improvements. The Commission serves as 1) a bridge between the NPS and the many stakeholders and community members who may be willing to contribute the success of the site and 2) subject matter experts who will advise the park as it develops its interpretation and community engagement strategy and programming.

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

All meetings are open to the public..

21. Remarks

The Commission did not meet in FY 25 and no recommendations were made.

Designated Federal Officer

Serena Bellew Superintendent, National Capital Parks - East

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Adams, Jamiah	09/14/2016	03/15/2027	General Public	Representative Member
Clark-Lewis, Elizabeth	03/28/2023	03/28/2027	Professor, Howard University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Daley, Thelma	09/28/2023	09/28/2027	Counselor-Educator	Representative Member
Dunn, Barbara	03/15/2023	03/15/2027	Association for the Study of African American Life and History Founder and President, The Black Rose Foundation for Children, Inc.	Representative Member
Flemming-Hunter, Sheila	03/15/2023	03/15/2027	Historic Preservation	Representative Member
Hobson, Maurice	03/15/2023	03/15/2027	Historic Preservation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Jones, Ida	09/14/2016	03/15/2027	Morgan State University, Archivist	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Lawson, Heather	03/15/2023	03/15/2027	Civil Rights Attorney, Department of Health and Human Services	Representative Member
Mathis, Janice	03/15/2023	03/15/2027	Executive Director, National Council of Negro Women, Inc.	Representative Member
Matthews, Lopez	03/15/2023	03/15/2027	Archival Management	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Phillips, Kenvi	09/14/2016	03/15/2027	Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Taylor, Alotta	03/15/2023	03/15/2027	Director of Mission Support and Communications at the National Aeronautics Space Administration	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 12

Narrative Description

The Commission advises the Secretary of the Interior on the development of the General Management Plan for, and the broader management of, the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site. The General Management Plan for the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site has been completed. The Commission currently serves as 1) a bridge between the NPS and the many stakeholders and community members who may be willing to contribute the success of the site and 2) subject matter experts who will advise the park as it develops its interpretation and community engagement strategy and programming.

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

NA

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

NA

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

25

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Commission did not meet in FY 25.

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

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The Commission recommended various ways to improve the management of the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site and National Archives of Black Womens History during the July meeting. None are implemented yet.

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

10%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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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 provided oral or written briefings or status reports during meetings of the Commission.

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

NA

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

N/A