

2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: Cultural Property Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency Department of State
2. Fiscal Year 2026
3. Committee or Subcommittee Cultural Property Advisory Committee
3b. GSA Committee No. 1319

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? No
5. Current Charter 04/29/2026
6. Expected Renewal Date 04/29/2028
7. Expected Term Date

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 Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority 19 U.S.C. 2605 et seq
13. Effective Date 01/12/1983
14. Committee Type Continuing
14c. Presidential? Yes

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports 1

16b. Report Date Report Title
Report on Closed Meetings of the
12/09/2025 Cultural Property Advisory
Committee

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

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?

Much of the authority of the President under the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act has been conveyed via executive order (E.O. 12555 of March 10, 1986) and subsequent legislation to the Secretary of State, and now also rests with certain senior officials at the Department

pursuant to delegations of authority. The government of any State Party to the 1970 UNESCO Convention may request a cultural property agreement by submitting a written request to the Department of State. On receiving a request, the Department will refer the matter to the Cultural Property Advisory Committee (CPAC) for its recommendations and views. In making its recommendations, the CPAC takes into consideration the foreign government's request and supporting documentation, as well as information that may be available from other sources. These sources include, but are not limited to, individuals, academic and scientific organizations, the United States government, intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations with recognized expertise in the subject matter. Public comment, while not required, may also be solicited.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee has balanced representation as required by the Cultural Property Implementation Act Section 306 (b) (1-2): the Committee includes two members who represent the interests of museums; three members who are expert in archaeology, anthropology, ethnology, or related fields; three members who are expert in the international sale of cultural property; and three members who represent the interest of the general public. Appointments to the Committee are made by the President, not by the agency.

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

The Committee typically meets three to four times a year depending on the number of new requests from foreign countries and proposed extensions of

cultural property agreements or emergency actions. The meeting dates and agenda are published in the Federal Register.

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

The Committee is established by statute.

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

The Cultural Property Implementation Act, Section 306(h) exempts the Committee from open meetings whenever and to the extent it is determined by the President's designee that the disclosure of matters involved in the Committee's proceedings would compromise the government's negotiating objectives or bargaining positions on the negotiations of any agreement authorized by this title.

21. Remarks

The Committee provides advice regarding U.S. implementation of the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export, and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property, as implemented by the Cultural Property Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. §§ 2601-2613, "the Act"). Under the Act, if certain conditions exist, the United States can either enter into an agreement or use emergency action to respond. The Committee provides expert advice on whether the statutory conditions exist. The Department of State negotiates bilateral agreements. The Department of the Treasury and U.S. Customs and Border Protection publish import restrictions in the Federal Register. Members are appointed for three-staggered terms and serve indefinitely until they are replaced. While the meeting dates of 5/20/2025 and

9/15/2025 were open to the public, information pertaining to the same which is not of a proprietary nature may be available by contacting the DFO.

Designated Federal Officer

Andrew Zonderman Acting Executive Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Barker, Alex	09/16/2022	04/25/2026	Director, Arkansas Archeological Survey	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cappellazzo, Amy	04/26/2023	04/25/2026	Founder and Principal of Art Intelligence Global	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Connors, Andrew	09/16/2022	04/25/2027	Director, Albuquerque Museum	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Findlay, Michael	09/16/2022	04/25/2027	Director, Acquavella Galleries	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Schoenfeld Harrington, Susan	04/26/2023	04/25/2026	President, Susan Harrington NY Property Ltd and Senior Advisor, Brand Positioning Doctors Ltd	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Stark, Miriam	09/16/2022	04/25/2027	Director, Professor of Anthropology University of Hawai'i at Mnoa's Center for Southeast Asian Studies	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Titelman, William	09/16/2022	04/25/2027	Legislative Counsel to the PA Trial Lawyers Association, Attorney (Retired)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 7

Narrative Description

The State Department provides feedback on the effectiveness of

actions taken in response to recommendations in meetings and written materials. Because Committee recommendations are part of a deliberative process, this feedback is not provided to the public.

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?

112

Number of Recommendations Comments

Adding Lebanon agreement, Lebanon emergency, El Salvador, Mongolia, Chile, Costa Rica, Italy, Morocco, and Vietnam for FY 25.

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

90%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

N/A

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

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

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

The State Department provides feedback to CPAC through oral and written updates on actions taken after considering CPAC recommendations. Because Committee recommendations are part of a deliberative process, this feedback is not provided to the public.

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

The State Department may enter into or extend a cultural property agreement or take emergency action. Pursuant to an agreement or emergency action, U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Department of the Treasury amend regulations to initiate or continue import restrictions on categories of archaeological and/or ethnological material.

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

Online information is available to the public at <http://eca.state.gov/cultural-heritage-center>.

Other information or documentation of the Committee's activities may be requested through Freedom of Information Act procedures.