

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Accessible Air Transportation

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Transportation

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Committee on Accessible Air Transportation

3b. GSA

Committee No.

2569

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

04/25/2016 04/25/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

04/25/2018

7. Expected Term Date

04/25/2018

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

04/25/2018

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Agency decision memorandum

13. Effective Date

03/30/2016

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

0 17b. Closed0 17c. Partially Closed0 Other Activities0 17d. Total0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	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	\$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. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

ACCESS gathered stakeholders from across the air travel, entertainment, and technology industries, along with advocates for individuals with disabilities, to negotiate and develop a proposed rule concerning accommodations for air travelers with disabilities addressing in-flight communications, accessible lavatory on new single-aisle aircraft, and service animals.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

ACCESS's membership is balanced in terms of

stakeholders in air transport and organizations representing individuals with different types of disabilities, including vision impairment, deafness and hard of hearing, and mobility restrictions

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

The committee held 5 meetings in FY 2016, The committee completed its work after 2 meetings in early FY 2017. No meetings were held in FY18.

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

ACCESS gathers a unique group to negotiate a proposed rulemaking.

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

Not Applicable

21. Remarks

The work of the ACCESS Advisory Committee has been completed The committee's charter expired on 4/25/18.

Designated Federal Officer

Blane Workie Deputy Assistant General Counsel

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Albert, Michelle	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	Boeing Commercial Airlines	Representative Member
Alkebsi, Zainab	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	National Association of the Deaf	Representative Member
Barnacle, Mary	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	Boeing Commercial Airlines	Representative Member
Buckland, Kelly	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	National Council on Independent Living	Representative Member

Childers, Michael	07/08/2016	04/28/2018	Airline Passenger Experience Association	Representative Member
Decker, Curt	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	National Disability Rights Network	Representative Member
Diggs, Parnell	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	National Federation of the Blind	Representative Member
Doell, Paul	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	National Air Carrier Association	Representative Member
Freed, Geoff	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	National Center for Accessible Media	Representative Member
Friedman, Brian	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	JetBlue Airways Corporation	Representative Member
Hamlin, Lise	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	Hearing Loss Association Of America	Representative Member
Hunter-Zaworski, Katharine	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	Oregon State University	Representative Member
Kolander, Candace	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	Association of Flight Attendants	Representative Member
Lavin, Douglas	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	International Air Transport Association	Representative Member
Mackenzie, Lorne	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	WestJet	Representative Member
Martin, David	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	Delta Air Lines	Representative Member
Michiel, Orit	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	Motion Picture Association of America, Inc	Representative Member
Morris, Bradley	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	Psychiatric Service Dog Partners	Representative Member
Mullins, Lawrence	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	Lufthansa Group, The Americas	Representative Member
Page, Lee	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	Paralyzed Veterans of America	Representative Member
Price, Deborah	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	Frontier Airlines	Representative Member
Roca-Toha, Roher	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	Airbus	Representative Member
Smith, Alicia	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	National Alliance on Mental Illness	Representative Member

Stanley, Jenine	05/12/2016	04/28/2018	Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind/America's Vet Dogs	Representative Member
Stephens, Anthony	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	American Council for the Blind	Representative Member
Sunderman, Jennifer	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	Regional Airlines Association	Representative Member
Workie, Blane	04/28/2016	04/28/2018	Assistant General Counsel for Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 27

Narrative Description

ACCESS was established and held its first five meetings in FY 2016. The committee also held two meetings in FY17. It presented its recommendations to the Department in early FY 2017.

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 type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Committee was convened to consider 3 issues. They were able to reach consensus on the first two issues.1. Whether to require an accessible lavatory on new single-aisle

aircraft over a certain size;2. Whether to (a) require accessible inflight entertainment (IFE) and (b) strengthen accessibility requirements for other in-flight communications; and3. Whether to amend the definition of “service animals” that may accompany passengers with a disability on a flight.

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

Not Applicable

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

3

Number of Recommendations Comments

1. consensus on the issue of accessible lavatories2.consensus on the issue of In-flight Entertainment (IFE)3.consensus an approach for considering enhancements to the accessibility of other on-board communications

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 Department of Transportation is following up on the air travel accessibility issues discussed during the ACCESS committee with rulemaking.

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

Not Applicable

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

Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Not Applicable

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

Checked if Applies

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

The Department of Transportation is following up on the air travel accessibility issues discussed during the ACCESS committee with rulemaking.

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

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

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



Other



Access Comments

Not Applicable