

# 2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee

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**1. Department or Agency**

Department of Transportation

**2. Fiscal Year**

2026

**3. Committee or Subcommittee**

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee

**3b. GSA Committee No.**

No.

197

**4. Is this New Fiscal Year?**

No

**5. Current Charter**

09/14/2024

**6. Expected Renewal Date**

09/14/2026

**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**

Agency Authority

**12. Specific Establishment Authority**

Order 1110.119

**13. Effective Date**

09/14/2018

**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**

0

**17b. Closed**

0

**17c. Partially Closed**

0

**Other Activities**

0

**17d. Total**

0

**Meetings and Dates**

No Meetings

Current Next  
FY FY

<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. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18e. Total Costs</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 Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) accomplishes its purpose by holding four meetings a year to discuss taskings and review recommendations and working group status reports. Minutes are taken at these meetings and are part of the public record.

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

The FAA balances ARAC membership by considering key aviation stakeholder groups to include associations and organizations. Members represent organizations directly and indirectly impacted by FAA regulations (e.g., aircraft owners and operators, airmen and flight crewmembers, organizations representing airports, maintenance providers, manufacturers, public citizen and passenger groups, and training providers).

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

The ARAC met two times in FY 2025; December 12, 2024 and March 20, 2025. The committee provided status updates, deliberated and discussed recommendation reports.

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

Due to the restrictions placed on regulatory agencies by the Administrative Procedure Act, the agency cannot solicit the advice of its affected public prior to issuing regulatory proposals unless it goes through the public-meeting process or establishes a formal advisory body.

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

Not Applicable. All ARAC meetings are open to the public.

**21. Remarks**

While the ARAC charter states the committee will meet at least three times annually, the FAA paused Federal advisory committee activities at the direction of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. The FAA terminated ARAC membership on August 13, 2025, and subcommittee membership on August 14, 2025.

The FAA amended the ARAC charter and Membership Balance Plan on June 9, 2025, to align with the current administration's policies and procedures. We corrected the Transport Airplane and Engine Issue Group title to reflect Transport Airplane and Engine Subcommittee.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Brandon Roberts Executive Director of Rulemaking, ARM-1

**Narrative Description**

The Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) provides the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) with information, advice, and recommendations. ARAC's objective is to improve the development of the FAA's regulations by involving interested members of the aviation community in the developmental stages of rulemaking.

**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 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**

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**

Recommendations from ARAC can help determine need for rulemaking.

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

547

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The committee produced 2 recommendations in FY25. Recommendations are in response to the tasks assigned to the committee.

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

62%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

The FAA works to fully implement recommendations whenever possible.

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

12%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

The FAA works to fully implement recommendations whenever possible.

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

Yes  No  Not Applicable

### Agency Feedback Comments

When a recommendation is received from the advisory committee, the FAA provides an acknowledgement letter to the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) Chairperson. The FAA also provides the Committee with updates on FAA actions on recommendations at the public meetings.

### 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

Not Applicable

### 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              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

### Access Comments

All documentation is available on the Office of Rulemaking Advisory and Rulemaking Committees website.

[https://www.faa.gov/regulations\\_policies/rulemaking/committees/documents/browse?combine=&](https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/rulemaking/committees/documents/browse?combine=&)