

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Medical Review Board Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Transportation

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Medical Review Board Advisory
Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

27744

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

5. Current Charter

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

No 11/25/2021 11/25/2023

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?

SAFETEA-LU, Pub. L. 109-59 08/10/2005 Continuing No

15. Description of Committee

Scientific Technical 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 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?

The Medical Review Board is composed of five members each appointed by the Secretary on the recommendation of the FMCSA Administrator. The members are special government employees. Each member is appointed for a 2-year term, with eligibility for reappointment.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The FMCSA selects the five members from licensed physicians through out the United States, according to the statutory requirements.

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

The MRB meets 1-2 times per year. Meetings are open to the public. Approximately every other year, the MRB holds a joint meeting with the Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee (MCSAC) on a topic of mutual interest. The DFO may call special meetings as necessary.

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

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2005, Section 4116, requires FMCSA, with the advice of the Medical Review Board to provide recommendations on medical standards and guidelines for the physical qualifications of operators of commercial motor vehicles and medical research.

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

The two meetings in FY2023 have been closed by the Secretary's approval as they related to the MRB considering questions for the recertification examinations for medical examiners on FMCSA's National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners. These are the only two MRB meetings that have ever been closed.

21. Remarks

n/a

Designated Federal Officer

Larry W. Minor Associate Administrator for Policy

| Committee Members | Start | End | Occupation | Member Designation |
|-------------------|------------|------------|----------------|--|
| Morris, Brian | 01/08/2014 | 11/27/2025 | Medical Doctor | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |

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| Osbaahr, Albert | 01/08/2014 | 11/27/2025 | Medical Doctor | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Pervall, Gina | 01/08/2014 | 11/27/2025 | Medical Doctor | |

Number of Committee Members Listed: 3

Narrative Description

Committee was established by statute on 8/10/05. The FMCSA Medical Review Board provides information, advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation and the Administrator of FMCSA on matters relating to all aspects of development and implementation of science-based physical qualification standards applicable to interstate CMV drivers.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input checked="" 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

The MRB members assist the Agency greatly in ensuring that our medical qualification standards represent the latest in medical practice standards. The expert advice they give FMCSA helps us ensure the highest level of safety for CMV drivers on our nation's roadways.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input 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

The committee members are licensed physicians who are national experts in their fields and would normally consult at very high rates.

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

109

Number of Recommendations Comments

MRB has provided recommendations to FMCSA since November 2006 on a variety of topics concerning FMCSA's medical standards and medical certification of commercial motor vehicle drivers. MRB completed its review of the recommended revisions to FMCSA's medical examiners handbook, completed a form recommended for medical examiners to evaluate non-insulin dependent driver with diabetes mellitus, and recommended changes to the Agency for its vision standard for CMV drivers, which is now a soon to be final rule. Additionally, MRB reviewed a recall of CPAP machines and recommended standards for drivers already being treated for obstructive sleep apnea and the MEs who evaluate them for compliance with our medical standards.

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

40%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Based on the MRB's recommendations, FMCSA has performed regulatory activities related to several recommendations.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or

will be Partially implemented by the agency?

30%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

These are used to develop regulations and make improvements to the medical program.

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 Agency makes the final decision on whether to implement MRB recommendations.

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

Checked if Applies

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

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 | <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

n/a