

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: International Security Advisory Board

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1. Department or Agency

Department of State

2. Fiscal Year

2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee

International Security Advisory
Board

3b. GSA Committee No.

2208

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? 5. Current Charter 6. Expected Renewal Date 7. Expected Term Date

No 05/23/2023 05/23/2025

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

22 U.S.C. § 2581(f)

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 Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

22 U.S.C. § 2581(f)

13. Effective Date

10/21/1998

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue 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?

The Board examines issues assigned by the Department of State relating to international security and makes specific recommendations to the Secretary of State and to the Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security. The board casts a wide intellectual net, examining a broad range of information, evidence, and concepts relating to scientific, military, diplomatic, political, and public diplomacy aspects of arms

control, disarmament, nonproliferation, outer space, critical infrastructure, cybersecurity, the national security aspects of emerging technologies, and international security and related aspects of public diplomacy. The Board reports to the Secretary and the Under Secretary on its findings and makes relevant and timely recommendations, as appropriate. The Board undertakes studies where the members consult with other parties and agencies to obtain a wide assessment of the issues that relate to international security and arms control.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The membership consists of a diverse set of recognized experts with professional backgrounds in diplomacy, the military, national defense, the intelligence community, academia, technology, and science. All have distinguished records and backgrounds in international security. Thus, the members are able to provide the Secretary and Under Secretary with diverse independent expertise and perspectives. The Department convenes a diverse board of experts with the appropriate background that allows for focused studies of the topics assigned by the Department.

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

The Board held three plenary meetings in FY24 (and one in early FY25 - October 2024). Per the Charter, the Board endeavors to meet approximately four or more times per year. Operationally, each meeting is designed to address the studies approved by the Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security and focuses the Board's work on its mission. The meetings are key mechanisms to

provide advice and insight to the Department on the ongoing studies and other relevant topics.

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

The Board provides the Department of State with an expert, independent perspective on international security, nonproliferation, cybersecurity, and emerging technologies issues. In the present constrained fiscal environment, the ISAB gives the Department of State, at very low cost, access to expertise and experience not available on a full-time basis. The ISAB provides an outside perspective highly beneficial to the Department and the pursuit of U.S. national security objectives.

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

The Board deals with classified national security information. Any unclassified information discussed during Board meetings could not be segregated in a way that would not hamper the Board's deliberations.

21. Remarks

The Secretary of State's International Security Advisory Board (ISAB) provides the Department of State with independent insight and advice on all aspects of arms control, disarmament, nonproliferation, outer space, critical infrastructure, cybersecurity, the national security aspects of emerging technologies, and international security and related aspects of public diplomacy. The ISAB is sponsored and overseen by the Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security. The ISAB is chartered to have up to 25 members. The Board members reflect a balance of backgrounds, points of view,

and demographic diversity and include a wide variety of scientific, technology, military, diplomatic, and political backgrounds.

Designated Federal Officer

Michelle Dover Executive Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Byman, Daniel	10/04/2022	03/10/2025	Professor, Georgetown University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dorn, Edwin	07/31/2022	05/22/2025	Professor Emeritus, University of Texas	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Falcone, Patricia	04/23/2023	04/22/2025	Deputy Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fischer, Julie	08/28/2022	05/22/2025	Technical Director, CRDF Global	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Goldgeier, James	07/01/2022	05/22/2025	Professor, American University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Goodman, Sherri	06/05/2022	05/22/2025	Secretary General, International Military Council on Climate and Security	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gronvall, Gigi	07/17/2022	05/22/2025	Senior Scholar, Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hall, Gregory	07/17/2022	05/22/2025	Associate Professor, University of Kentucky	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Haney, Cecil	03/26/2023	03/25/2025	Board Member, Center for a New American Security	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Haynes, Eboni	07/31/2022	05/22/2025	Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Herr, Julie	11/14/2022	05/22/2025	Former Department of State employee	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Horowitz, Michael	08/11/2022	05/22/2025	Professor, University of Pennsylvania	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hurlburt, Heather	08/25/2022	05/22/2025	Former Chief of Staff, United States Trade Representative	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Jackson, Shirley	09/25/2022	05/22/2025	President Emerita, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kennedy, Laura	09/25/2022	05/22/2025	Member, Arm Control Association Board of Directors	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Koch, Susan	06/05/2022	05/22/2025	Independent Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Levine, Edward	08/28/2022	05/22/2025	Member, Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation Board of Directors	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lewis, Jeffrey	10/04/2022	05/22/2025	Professor, Middlebury Institute of International Studies	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Morin, Jamie	07/31/2022	05/22/2025	Vice President, The Aerospace Coorporation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Rosenbach, Eric	10/04/2022	05/22/2025	Director of the Defense, Emerging Technology, and Strategy Program at Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Relations Senior Advisor, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Vice President, International Center for Research on Women Vice Chair, Arms Control Association Board of Directors Director, Project on Nuclear Issues, Center for Strategic and International Studies Director of Global Risk, Federation of American Scientists Professor, American University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Simon, Ian	08/11/2022	05/22/2025		
Thompson, Lyric	08/14/2022	05/22/2025		
Walker, Paul	10/04/2022	05/22/2025		
Williams, Heather	08/28/2022	05/22/2025		
Wolfsthal, Jon	10/04/2022	05/21/2025		
Goldgeier, James [Security Cooperation and Arms Transfer as Tools of Influence]	07/01/2022	06/30/2026		

Number of Committee Members Listed: 26

Narrative Description

The Board, dealing with the scientific, military, diplomatic, political, and public diplomacy arms control, disarmament, nonproliferation, outer space, critical infrastructure, cybersecurity, the national security aspects of emerging technologies, and international security and related aspects of public diplomacy, provides valuable

independent insight and advice and thereby meets an important requirement of the Department.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

ISAB has provided senior policy makers and the Department of State with valuable and unique insight and advice with regards to international security and nonproliferation. The Board is advisory only and does not make policy.

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

Some Board members and nearly all experts consulted by the Board serve without compensation. The costs of paying for the services of these experts would be significant

for the government.

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

308

Number of Recommendations Comments

In FY24, the ISAB made 88 specific recommendations to the Department of State in three studies on nuclear deterrence, artificial intelligence, and new security studies. These studies are available on the ISAB website. The ISAB was inactive in FY18, FY19, FY20, FY21, and FY22. No new recommendations in FY23 because the board's three studies were ongoing and not completed during the FY, although two studies were completed in October 2023.

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

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

N/A

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Feedback, when provided, is provided during ISAB Plenary meetings. When permissible, feedback will be made available upon request. Inquiries should be sent to ISAB@state.gov.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

The Department implements select ISAB recommendations.

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 | <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 type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments

N/A