

2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Geospatial Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of the Interior	2026
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
National Geospatial Advisory Committee	34559

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	11/08/2021	11/08/2023	10/18/2028

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No	P.L. 115-254	

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	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?
P.L. 115-254	10/05/2018	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports No Reports for this FiscalYear

17a. Open 2 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 2

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
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01/28/2026 - 01/29/2026

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03/25/2026 - 03/26/2026

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	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?

Federal geospatial programs are highly dependent upon partnerships and coordination with external groups, including State, local and Tribal governments, and non-profit and private sector partners. The NGAC plays an important role in providing a forum to convey views representative of non-Federal partners in the geospatial community and reviewing and commenting upon geospatial policy and management issues. NGAC takes its direction from FGDC member agencies to answer complex and challenging questions with cross-cutting, innovative recommendations. The NGAC's actions are directly in support of the implementation of the Geospatial Data Act of 2018. It accomplishes its purpose by closely coordinating with FGDC leadership, agency members, and members of their representative sectors to bring advice and recommendations to the FGDC and DOI to address the programs, policy, development of the NSDI, and implementation of GDA. Ensuring the views of the sector they represent are conveyed to the NGAC and the FGDC.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

FGDC has worked to ensure a balanced committee membership, per the GDA mandate, that reflects the variety of viewpoints within the geospatial community. The Committee is composed of up to 30 representatives or special Government employees who are selected to generally achieve a balanced representation of the viewpoints of the various stakeholders involved in national geospatial activities. Selection of Committee members includes consideration of geographic balance. The Committee membership includes balanced representation from among, but not limited to, the following stakeholder groups involved in the geospatial community: - Federal Government - State government - County government - Regional government - City/Municipal government - Tribal government - Private sector - User industries - Professional associations - Non-profit organizations - Academia. The required annual appointment process includes an evaluation membership balance.

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

The NGAC meets 2-4 times per year. In FY 2025, the NGAC held four public meetings. The meetings have been well-attended, substantive, and productive. NGAC recommendations and decisions have had positive impact in support of federal geospatial programs and the NSDI and study topics are aligned to the current and future federal and national geospatial issues, trends, and needs. Recommendations are widely recognized as industry expertise.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this

committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Federal geospatial programs are highly dependent upon partnerships and coordination, as recognized in the GDA, with external groups, including State, local, and Tribal governments, and non-profit and private sector partners. The NGAC plays an important role in providing a forum to convey views representative of non-Federal partners in the geospatial community, providing expert advice, and reviewing and commenting upon geospatial policy and management issues and in-turn, federal and non-federal initiatives are in alignment.

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

N/A

21. Remarks

The Committee held four public meetings in FY 2025. NGAC is a highly active committee representing an engaged membership focusing on current and impactful issues for the betterment of the federal geospatial programs and development of the NSDI, of which these sectors are an active part.

Designated Federal Officer

Ken Shaffer Executive Director, Federal Geographic Data Committee

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Alameh, Nadine	03/11/2026	03/11/2029	LunateAI	Representative Member
Arnold, Peter	03/11/2026	03/11/2029	National Geospatial Intelligence Agency	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Arques, Sylvie	12/13/2024	12/13/2027	National Tribal Geographic Information Support Center	Representative Member

Baker, Chad	04/18/2023	04/18/2026	State of California Transportation Department	Representative Member
Bank, Ryan	12/13/2024	12/13/2027	Geospatial Insurance Consortium	Representative Member
Cancel, Juan	03/11/2026	03/11/2029	Seminole Tribe of Florida	Representative Member
Cawley, Maggie	03/11/2026	03/11/2029	OpenStreetMap U.S.	Representative Member
Dangermond, Jack	04/18/2023	04/18/2026	ESRI	Representative Member
Edwards, William "Davey"	03/11/2026	03/11/2029	Dunaway	Representative Member
Granberg, Bert	04/18/2023	04/18/2026	Wasatch Front Regional Council	Representative Member
Hamerlink, Jeff	12/13/2024	12/13/2027	Wyoming Geographic Information Science Center	Representative Member
Howard, Holli	04/18/2023	04/18/2026	Google Maps	Representative Member
Johnson, Tyen	03/11/2026	03/11/2029	Idaho Transportation Department	Representative Member
Jones, Leslie	04/18/2023	03/11/2029	State of Alaska	Representative Member
Leidner, Alan	12/13/2024	12/13/2027	GeoCATS	Representative Member
Mattke, Ryan	04/18/2023	04/18/2026	University of Minnesota	Representative Member
Meade, Mark	04/18/2023	04/18/2026	NV5 Geospatial	Representative Member
Nelson, Amy	03/11/2026	03/11/2029	U.S. Department of Transportation	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Pulford, Curtis	04/18/2023	03/11/2029	Enterprise Geographic Information Systems	Representative Member
Raj, Devaki	04/18/2023	04/18/2026	CrowdAI	Representative Member
Ravada, Siva	04/18/2023	04/18/2026	Oracle Spatial	Representative Member
Robertson, Breece	04/18/2023	04/18/2026	One Tree Planted	Representative Member
Rose, Amy	12/13/2024	12/13/2027	Overture Maps Foundation	Representative Member
Sagan, Vasit	04/18/2023	04/18/2026	Saint Louis University	Representative Member

Schrenk, Ronda	12/13/2024	12/13/2027	U.S. Geospatial Intelligence Foundation	Representative Member
Thiel, Phil	04/18/2023	04/18/2026	Dewberry	Representative Member
Trainor, Timothy	04/18/2023	04/18/2026	Tim Trainor Consultants, LLC	Representative Member
Zimmerman, Carl	12/13/2024	01/08/2026	Department of Policy and Analysis, State of Connecticut	Representative Member
Borowitz, Mariel [Landsat Subcommittee]	10/11/2023	10/11/2026	Georgia Institute of Technology	Representative Member
Hancher, Matt [Landsat Subcommittee]	10/01/2024	10/01/2027	Google	Peer Review Consultant Member
Jim, Yufang [Landsat Subcommittee]	10/01/2024	10/01/2027	Academia	Peer Review Consultant Member
Mahmud, Kashif [Landsat Subcommittee]	10/01/2024	10/01/2027	Academia	Peer Review Consultant Member
Masback, Keith [Landsat Subcommittee]	10/11/2023	10/11/2026	Plum Run, LLC	Representative Member
Migliarese, Anne [Landsat Subcommittee]	10/11/2023	10/11/2026	Migliarese Consulting	Representative Member
Patel, Nirav [Landsat Subcommittee]	10/01/2024	10/01/2027	Consultant	Peer Review Consultant Member
Ramsey, R [Landsat Subcommittee]	10/01/2024	10/01/2027	Academia	Peer Review Consultant Member
Ravichandran, Aravind [Landsat Subcommittee]	10/01/2024	10/01/2027	Consultant	Peer Review Consultant Member
Byrne, Mike [National Spatial Data Infrastructure Subcommittee]	10/01/2024	10/01/2027	Conexon, LLC	Peer Review Consultant Member
Campbell, Josh [National Spatial Data Infrastructure Subcommittee]	10/01/2024	10/01/2027	Sand Hill Venture	Peer Review Consultant Member
Harper, Alex [National Spatial Data Infrastructure Subcommittee]	10/01/2024	10/01/2027	State	Peer Review Consultant Member
Johnson, William [National Spatial Data Infrastructure Subcommittee]	10/01/2024	10/01/2027	Private	Peer Review Consultant Member
Saligoe-Simmel, Jill [National Spatial Data Infrastructure Subcommittee]	04/02/2024	04/02/2026	ESRI	Representative Member
Veregin, Howard [National Spatial Data Infrastructure Subcommittee]	10/01/2024	10/01/2027	Academia	Peer Review Consultant Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 43

Narrative Description

The Committee supports FGDC agencies' missions by providing advice and recommendations related to management of Federal and national geospatial programs, the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), and the implementation of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-16 and the Geospatial Data Act. The Committee reviews and comments upon geospatial policy and management issues and provides a forum to convey views representative of non-Federal stakeholders in the geospatial community.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

A key outcome enabled by the NGAC is the effective interagency and intergovernmental coordination of national geospatial policy issues and implementation of national geospatial data and services interoperability.

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

The NGAC primarily provides policy advice on the effective management and coordination of national geospatial programs.

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

110

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Committee made 5 recommendations in FY 2025: (1) NGAC adopted a resolution to support the "2025-2035 National Spatial Data Infrastructure Strategic Plan (NSDI)" (2) The NGAC endorsed recommendations for 3DEP research priorities and industry engagement, including recommending that USGS do the following: (a) Engage with the research community to hold a Community Meeting related to further advancement of the 3DEP research plan and to explore common interests and opportunities. (b) Engage and Leverage the Changing 3D Industry by participating with ASPRS, JALBTCX, and NOAA on the evolution of Total Propagated Uncertainty Modeling. (c) USGS should determine a schedule of regular review including random check of data for the 3D accuracy testing that assesses the total propagated uncertainty. (d) Consider a Benchmarking Process for the "Base Specification." (e) Collaborate with Academia, Government Agencies, and the private sector to identify streamlined approaches to QA/QC. (f) Collaborate with US Department of Transportation to host a panel discussing the 3DEP program and capabilities for State DOTs. (3) NGAC approved the paper, and all recommendation contained within the "Near-Term Opportunities for Our National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI)" (4) The NGAC approved the paper: "Advancing the Nation's Geospatial Ecosystem: Guidance and Best Practices for Sharing Priority National Data." (5) NGAC adopted the resolution on GDA Annual Reports In addition to formal recommendations, the NGAC has also provided input and expert advice on the priorities for implementation of the NSDI Strategic Plan, which is required under the Geospatial Data Act of 2018. The NGAC Subcommittees have prepared additional artifacts and expert input to be presented to the full NGAC at the next public meeting where the Committee has balanced

representation and can act.

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

23%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Approximately 23% of NGAC recommendations (25 of 110) have been or are expected to be fully implemented

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

77%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Approximately 77% of NGAC recommendations (85 of 110) have been or are expected to be partially implemented.

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 on recommendations is provided at subsequent meetings of the committee. The FGDC also provides written feedback on NGAC recommendations.

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

Checked if Applies

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| Reorganized Priorities | <input checked="" 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

NGAC recommendations have been utilized to help shape and manage relevant agency programs and initiatives. In addition to formal recommendations, the NGAC has also

produced a set of white papers and research papers and has provided feedback and comment on Federal geospatial initiatives and programs.

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

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

Access Comments

Committee documents are posted on the NGAC website (www.fgdc.gov/ngac). In addition, FGDC representatives provide information about committee activities to the FGDC member agencies and at geospatial industry meetings, conferences, etc.