

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Geospatial Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Geospatial Advisory
Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

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. 4
Open

17b. Closed0

17c. Partially Closed0

Other Activities0

17d. Total4

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Start

End

The National Geospatial Advisory Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Federal Geographic Data Committee related to management of federal and national geospatial programs, the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), and the implementation of the Geospatial Data Act (GDA) of 2018 and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-16. The NGAC reviews and comments on geospatial policy and management issues and provides a forum to convey views representative of non-federal stakeholders in the geospatial community. The NGAC is one of the primary ways that the FGDC collaborates with its broad network of partners. Agenda Topics: FGDC Update; Landsat Advisory Group; 3D Elevation Program; GDA; NSDI; GeoPlatform; Standards and Data Access; and Public Comment

10/16/2024 - 10/17/2024

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12/04/2024 - 12/04/2024

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02/19/2025 - 02/19/2025

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Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 4

	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. 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?

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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.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

FGDC has worked to ensure a balanced committee membership 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.

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

The NGAC meets 2-4 times per year. In FY 2024, the NGAC had two public meetings. The meetings have been well-attended, substantive, and productive.

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

committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

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

N/A

21. Remarks

The Committee held two public meetings in FY 2024.

Designated Federal Officer

Ken Shaffer Executive Director, Federal Geographic Data Committee

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Alameh, Nadine	03/07/2022	03/07/2025	Taylor Geospatial Institute	Representative Member
Andris, Clio	03/07/2022	03/07/2025	Georgia Institute of Technology	Representative Member
Arques, Sylvie	12/13/2024	12/13/2027	National Tribal Geographic Information Support Center	Representative Member
Avila, Frank	03/07/2022	03/07/2025	National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency	Regular Government Employee (RGE) 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
Bluehorse, Byron	03/07/2022	03/07/2025	Sovereign Planning	Representative Member
Cawley, Maggie	03/07/2022	03/07/2025	OpenStreetMap U.S.	Representative Member

Dangermond, Jack	04/18/2023	04/18/2026	ESRI	Representative Member
Dupont, Lynn	03/07/2022	03/07/2025	New Orleans Regional Planning Commission	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
Jones, Leslie	04/18/2023	04/18/2026	State of Alaska	Representative Member
LaVoi, Tony	03/07/2022	03/07/2025	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Regular Government Employee (RGE) 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
Pulford, Curtis	04/18/2023	04/18/2026	City of Phoenix, AZ	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
Stewart, Kathleen	03/07/2022	03/07/2025	University of Maryland	Representative Member
Thiel, Phil	04/18/2023	04/18/2026	Dewberry	Representative Member
Thompson, Gary	03/07/2022	03/07/2025	State of North Carolina	Representative Member
Trainor, Timothy	04/18/2023	04/18/2026	Tim Trainor Consultants, LLC	Representative Member
Zimmerman, Carl	12/13/2024	12/13/2027	Department of Policy and Analysis, State of Connecticut	Representative Member
Blackmer, Gale [3D Elevation Program Subcommittee]	07/05/2022	07/05/2025	Pennsylvania Geological Survey	Representative Member
Couch, Gareth [3D Elevation Program Subcommittee]	07/05/2022	07/05/2025	National Tribal Geospatial Information Support Center	Representative Member

Gaffney, Karen [3D Elevation Program Subcommittee]	07/05/2022	07/05/2025	North Coast Resource Partnership	Representative Member
Maidment, David [3D Elevation Program Subcommittee]	07/05/2022	07/05/2025	University of Texas	Representative Member
Reichardt, Mark [3D Elevation Program Subcommittee]	07/05/2022	07/05/2025	Open Geospatial Consortium (Retired)	Representative Member
Steinberg, Steve [3D Elevation Program Subcommittee]	07/05/2022	07/05/2025	County of Los Angeles, CA	Representative Member
Van Rens, Jim [3D Elevation Program Subcommittee]	07/05/2022	07/05/2025	Riegl, USA Inc.	Representative Member
Walker, Stewart [3D Elevation Program Subcommittee]	07/05/2022	07/05/2025	Lidar Magazine	Representative Member
Borowitz, Mariel [Landsat Subcommittee]	10/11/2023	10/11/2026	Georgia Institute of Technology	Representative 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
Saligoe-Simmel, Jill [National Spatial Data Infrastructure Subcommittee]	04/02/2024	04/02/2026	ESRI	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 42

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
Trust in government
Major policy changes
Advance in scientific research
Effective grant making
Improved service delivery

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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.

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?

105

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Committee made 4 recommendations in FY 2024: (1) NGAC resolution endorsing the USGS “The 3D National Topography Model Call for Action Part 2: Next Generation of the 3D Elevation Program” (2) NGAC Paper: “NGAC Comments on the 2030 Earth Observation Data Challenge - Interagency Operational Efficiencies” (3) NGAC Comments on FY 2023 Summary of GDA Annual Reports (4) NGAC resolution on OMB Assistance In addition to formal recommendations, the NGAC has also provided continuing feedback and comment on the development of a strategic plan for the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, which is required under the Geospatial Data Act of 2018.

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

24%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Approximately 24% of NGAC recommendations (25 of 105) 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?

76%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Approximately 76% of NGAC recommendations (80 of 105) 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

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

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 at geospatial industry meetings, conferences, etc.