

# 2023 Current Fiscal Year Report: Great Lakes Advisory Board

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>	<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>
Environmental Protection Agency	2023
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>	<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>
Great Lakes Advisory Board	80462

<b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	11/17/2020	12/01/2022	12/01/2024

<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
No		

<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

**11. Establishment Authority** Agency Authority

<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
	02/13/2012	Continuing	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

	<b>Current FY</b>	<b>Next FY</b>
<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. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</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 Great Lakes Advisory Board (GLAB) supports the EPA in achieving the restoration and protection goals of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) included in Public Law 111-88, the Department of the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010, and subsequent appropriations, and the United States – Canada Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. The Great Lakes is a vast, shared resource and protecting and restoring them requires the collective ideas and experience of the Great Lakes community. The GLAB provides a forum where EPA can have the full benefit of the ideas and experience of both government and non-governmental partners. The GLAB’s objectives are to provide advice and recommendations on Great Lakes protection and

restoration activities; long term goals, objectives, and priorities for Great Lakes protection and restoration; and other issues addressed by the Great Lakes Interagency Task Force/Regional Work Group.

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

The GLAB is composed of approximately 15 members who will serve as representative members, Regular Government Employees (RGEs), or Special Government Employees (SGEs). The GLAB is comprised of members that represent state, local and tribal governments, academia, industry, business/consulting, and environmental non-governmental organizations.

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

The GLAB meets approximately twice per fiscal year. In FY 2022, the GLAB met December 15, 2021, and April 6, 2022.

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

The EPA Administrator is the chair of the Great Lakes Interagency Task Force that consists of federal agencies responsible for implementing the GLRI. The GLRI is guided by an action plan that has been broadly endorsed by the Great Lakes states, cities, tribes, conservation groups and industries. The GLAB is composed of a cross-section of stakeholders with diverse backgrounds and areas of interest relating to the Great Lakes. The GLAB is necessary because it provides EPA with the collective recommendations of state and local governments, tribes and other Great Lakes interests to more effectively carry out Great Lakes restoration. There are no other

existing EPA advisory committees that have a mission to advise on protecting and restoring the Great Lakes. Likewise, existing committees do not have the breadth of experience that is needed to inform the Agency on Great Lakes environmental issues from various viewpoints. Bringing together a cross-section of individuals with the needed range of experience and perspectives will facilitate a more effective discussion of the technical issues and policy options that will support adequate evaluation of, and input into, EPA positions and actions.

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

The GLAB did not have any closed or partially closed meeting in FY 2022.

**21. Remarks**

**Designated Federal Officer**

Todd Nettesheim Deputy Director

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
Antosch, Larry	04/01/2020	04/13/2024	Ohio Farm Bureau Federation	Representative Member
Dreyfuss-Wells, Kyle	04/01/2020	04/13/2024	Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District	Representative Member
Ettewageshik, Frank	06/28/2021	06/28/2023	United Tribes of Michigan Council	Representative Member
Frede, Lisa	04/01/2020	04/13/2024	Industry of Chemicals of Illinois	Representative Member
Hull, John	04/01/2020	04/13/2024	Hull & Associates	Representative Member
Mackey, Scudder	04/01/2020	04/13/2024	Ohio Department of Natural Resources	Representative Member
Nelson, Kay	04/01/2020	04/13/2024	Northwest Indiana Forum	Representative Member

Orduno, Sylvia	04/01/2020	04/13/2024	Environmental Justice	Representative Member
Rubin, Laura	06/28/2021	06/28/2023	Healing Our Waters	Representative Member
Steinman, Alan	04/01/2020	04/13/2024	Grand Valley State University Lac Vieux Desert Band	Representative Member
Williams, James	04/01/2020	04/13/2024	of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 11**

**Narrative Description**

Thank you, on behalf of EPA Administrator Regan and myself, for your contributions to the Final Report to EPA, submitted by the Great Lakes Advisory Board (GLAB) on April 6. Administrator Regan and I have both had the opportunity to review the report, and it was immediately clear how much work and thought went into developing, drafting, and finalizing it. In particular, I was pleased to see the extent to which the GLAB focused on incorporating the issue of environmental justice – a priority for the Biden Administration – throughout the report. I have asked the Great Lakes National Program Office, along with the rest of the GLRI Regional Working Group, to give prolonged and serious consideration to the report’s recommendations as they continue to implement the GLRI to protect and restore the Great Lakes. The task of protecting and restoring the Great Lakes is, as you know, an enormous challenge, and EPA and its federal partners do not pretend to have all the answers when it comes to addressing current and future threats to this vast and precious ecosystem. Administrator Regan and I strongly believe in the FACA process – and, in particular, the GLAB process, which allows non-federal and/or non-governmental Great Lakes stakeholders such as yourself the opportunity to provide informative and valuable perspectives on these difficult issues. Again, thank you for your participation and effort in this worthwhile endeavor. Sincerely,  
Debra Shore Regional Administrator

**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
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

**Outcome Comments**

**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**

Not Applicable

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

### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

The GLAB recognized that implementing its recommendations will involve various levels of effort as well as a range of organizational, regulatory, and legislative complexity. Therefore, it categorized recommendations as follow: Near-term recommendations are those that are currently actionable under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) and by the Great Lakes National Program Office. Mid-term recommendations are those that require additional research or development before they could be implemented under GLRI; however, that research and development could be a near-term activity. Long-term recommendations refer to activities that are within EPA purview but may require legislative changes, new partnerships, multi-stakeholder engagement, additional investments, or other development in order to implement.

**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**

Recommendations provided in April 2022 are still under consideration by EPA GLNPO and the interagency Regional Working Group.

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

28%

### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Recommendations provided in April 2022 are still under consideration by EPA GLNPO and the interagency Regional Working Group. But nevertheless, many of the GLAB's recommendations advised for new approaches and/or continuing approaches that we have already been implementing.

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

Yes  No  Not Applicable

### **Agency Feedback Comments**

Letter sent from GLNPM Debra Shore to GLAB members

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

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

**Action Comments**

**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
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

**Access Comments**

Access to committee information is provided through all of the selected methods.