

## 2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Plant Variety Protection Advisory Board

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

### 2. Fiscal Year

2024

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Plant Variety Protection Advisory  
Board

### 3b. GSA Committee

No.

1309

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
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No 09/21/2021 09/21/2023

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

7 U.S.C. 2327

### 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

Statutory (Congress Created)

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

7 U.S.C. 2327

### 13. Effective Date

12/24/1970

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

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
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<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 Board is appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture and answers to the Secretary of Agriculture through the meeting minutes. Recommendations are voted upon and simple majority carries the motion.

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

The membership includes farmer representation and is drawn approximately equally from the private or seed industry sector and from the sector of the government or the public.

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

The Board meets as needed by teleconference or in-person. Updates on program operations are provided to the Board as needed. Special meetings may be called if the Secretary of Agriculture requires more immediate advice.

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

The Board is mandated by Congress in 7 U.S.C.2327. The Board is required to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on matters concerning adoption of Rules and Regulations, appeals of decisions of examiners and on questions of declaring varieties open for public use in the times of national emergency.

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

Meetings are open to the public. However, certain agenda items may be closed to the public if confidential material from individual applications is being presented to the Board for their consideration.

**21. Remarks**

The PVPO will be increasing outreach efforts. A broad search will be undertaken for nominees from identifiable minority groups with the required expertise in variety development using emails or letters sent to all 1890 and 1860 colleges and universities, to Hispanic-Serving and Native American-Serving (1994) Institutions, and state research and extension programs serving small farmers. Emails will also be sent to professional societies, including societies specifically fostering advancement of minority scientists. All oral and written contacts will specify that nominees are sought who possess "demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with

disabilities". The PVP Board does not create annual report, instead the minutes of the meeting are generated by the PVP staff and are approved by the Board members. The thoughtful and useful presentations and feedback will be used to refine and improve operations Minutes can be found at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/plant-variety-protection/pvpo-advisory-board>.

## Designated Federal Officer

Jeff Haynes DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bos, Michelle	09/24/2022	09/24/2024	IP Attorney	Representative Member
Charles, Audrey	09/24/2020	09/25/2024	Seed Producer and IP Professional	Representative Member
Corona, Eloy	09/24/2022	09/24/2024	Association	Representative Member
Jefferson, Felicia	09/24/2022	09/24/2024	University Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Koebernick, Jenny	09/24/2022	09/24/2024	University Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McMillian, Andrae	09/24/2022	09/24/2024	Government	Representative Member
Nebel, Heidi	09/24/2020	09/24/2024	IP Attorney	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Nelson, Barry	09/24/2022	09/24/2024	Seed Producer	Representative Member
Nelson, Paul	09/24/2020	09/24/2024	Seed Producer and Researcher	Representative Member
Olosky, Patricia	09/24/2020	09/24/2024	IP Attorney	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ozias-Akins, Peggy	09/24/2022	09/24/2024	University Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Robertson, Brent	09/24/2020	09/24/2024	Farmer	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Tsui, Albert	09/24/2020	09/24/2024	University Professor and IP Attorney	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Zhou, Shubo	09/24/2022	09/24/2024	Government and IP Attorney	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 14**

### Narrative Description

The duties of the Board are to: (1) advise the Secretary concerning the adoption of rules and regulations to facilitate the proper administration of the Act; (2) make advisory decisions for the Secretary on appeals concerning decisions on applications by the Plant Variety Protection Office and on requests for emergency public-interest compulsory licenses; and (3) advise the Secretary on any other matters under the rules and regulations.

### 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 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 type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Outcome Comments

NA

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" 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**

NA

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

10

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

No new recommendations from the PVP Board in FY23. For the life of the committee=10

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

100%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

No new recommendations were received from the last PVP Board meeting.

**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**

NA

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to**

**implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

Updates are sent to PVP Board members as needed and feedback is provided by PVP Board members if an issue of concern arises. There are no pending issues at this time and no comments from PVP Board members. PVP Board Charter renewal has been started and will be aligned with board nominations. The charter expires 9/21/2023 and will be put in place before the current PVP Board member terms expire. Board nomination outreach was started on 11/1/2023 and will run until 1/15/2024. The PVP Board Nomination and Charter Package will be submitted together in calendar year 2024.

**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 type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

NA

**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



**Access Comments**

N/A