

# 2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Astrophysics Advisory Committee

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## 1. Department or Agency

National Aeronautics and Space  
Administration

## 2. Fiscal Year

2025

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Astrophysics Advisory Committee

## 3b. GSA

### Committee No.

2596

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

08/30/2023

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

08/30/2025

## 7. Expected Term Date

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

Agency head determined to  
terminate per Executive Order  
compliance

## 8c. Actual Term Date

08/30/2025

## 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

## 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

## 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not  
Applicable

## 11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

## 12. Specific Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

## 13. Effective Date

01/17/2017

## 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

1

17b. Closed 0

17c. Partially Closed 0

Other Activities 0

17d. Total 1

## Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Start

End

2. Astrophysics Advisory Committee Meeting 11/07/2024 - 11/08/2024

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	<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. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)</b>	\$21,153.00	\$0.00
<b>18e. Total Costs</b>	\$21,153.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The committee drew on the expertise of its members to provide advice to the Director, Astrophysics Division, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters, on astrophysics programs, policies, plans and priorities.

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

**membership?**

The Director, Astrophysics Division, ensured a balanced representation in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed

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

The committee typically met three times virtually / hybrid. Hybrid for members /virtually for the general public. The Committee only met once in FY 2025 prior to termination.

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

Consensus scientific advice from outside experts is essential to support NASA astrophysics program planning. NASA is the Federal agency charged with conducting space-based astrophysics research.

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

Not Applicable.

**21. Remarks**

No recommendations resulted from the November meeting.

**Designated Federal Officer**

David Christopher Morris DFO/Executive Secretary

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Calzetti, Daniella	02/07/2023	08/30/2025	U. Mass	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Caputo, Regina	03/06/2023	08/30/2025	GSFC	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Special Government
Chen, Hsiao-Wen	03/24/2023	08/30/2025	U. Chicago	Employee (SGE) Member Regular Government
Gaskin, Jessica	09/25/2019	08/30/2025	MSFC	Employee (RGE) Member Special Government
Holley-Bockleman, Kelly	04/06/2018	08/30/2025	Vanderbilt University	Employee (SGE) Member Special Government
Jogee, Shardha	03/24/2023	08/30/2025	U. Texas, Austin	Employee (SGE) Member Special Government
Kiessling, Alina	06/29/2022	06/29/2025	JPL	Employee (SGE) Member Special Government
Oppenheimer, Rebecca	06/03/2024	08/30/2025	American Museum of Natural History	Employee (SGE) Member Special Government
Pascucci, Ilara	06/29/2022	06/29/2025	U. of Arizona	Employee (SGE) Member Special Government
Stacey, Gordon	06/03/2024	08/30/2025	Cornell University	Employee (SGE) Member Special Government
Tremblay, Grant	06/29/2022	06/29/2025	Center for Astrophysics/ Harvard-Smithsonian	Employee (SGE) Member Special Government
Tuttle, Sarah	06/03/2024	08/30/2025	University of Washington	Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 12**

**Narrative Description**

The committee advised and analyzed the programmatic scope and priorities, as well as the implementation of astrophysics programs. In addition, the committee provided a regular forum for the broad discussion of astrophysics and the role of astrophysics within and outside of NASA. The committee charter was renewed on August 30, 2023 and the committee met three times in FY24. The committee met once during the fiscal year 2025. Based on Executive Order 14217 'Commencing the reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy the Agency head made the decision to terminate the committee. The Agency is still making a determination as to whether it will continue to move forward with its plans to combine the terminated science advisory committees and consolidate them into one committee.

**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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Outcome Comments**

Not Applicable

**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**

Committee was terminated.

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

39

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

This number of recommendations applies to Fiscal Year 2024, which is when the Committee began tracking prior cumulative recommendations. There were no recommendations in Fiscal Year 2025.

**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**

none have been fully implemented

**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**

none have been 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**

Contact the committee DFO for information on Agency feedback process.

**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**

Not Applicable

**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**

Not Applicable