

# 2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: The Northeast and Islands Regional Advisory Committee

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of Education

## 2. Fiscal Year

2024

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

The Northeast and Islands Regional  
Advisory Committee

## 3b. GSA

## Committee No.

76856

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

03/22/2023 03/22/2025

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

## 7. Expected Term Date

01/31/2024

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

Pub. L. 107-279; 20  
U.S.C. 9605

## 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

Educational Technical  
Assistance Act of 2002  
(Public Law 107-279-20 USC  
9605).

## 13. Effective Date

01/23/2002

## 14. Committee Type

Ad hoc

## 14c. Presidential?

No

## 15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

## 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for  
this Fiscal Year

## 17a.

Open

2

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

2

## Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Start

End

RAC Meeting 2. During the second meeting, the RACs (1) reviewed additional input received from stakeholders and public comments received and, based on the information received, finalized their assessment of the critical educational needs of each region; and (2) deliberated on the education needs assessment for their region and finalized recommendations to be included in the assessment report. The RACs voted on the top five priorities for the region.

10/12/2023 - 10/12/2023

RAC Meeting 3. During the third meeting, the RAC reviewed subcommittee recommendations and voted on the final educational needs assessment included in the final report for each region.

11/16/2023 - 11/16/2023

### Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
<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 committee accomplished its purpose by participating in a Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting. For the meeting, the RAC reviewed educational data from the region and public comments received and deliberated and made recommendations about the critical education needs of the region and discussed how those needs can most effectively be addressed through technical assistance activities.

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

The membership was balanced per the Educational Technical Assistance Act of 2002. The member composition is mandated by Title II, Sec. 203 of the ETAA of 2002, §9605.

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

One open RAC meeting was held. The meeting focused on reviewing and deliberating on the educational data and needs assessment for the region.

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

The Regional Advisory Committees are authorized by the Educational Technical Assistance Act of 2002 (ETAA) (Pub. L. 107-279; 20 U.S.C. 9605); 5 U.S.C. 301; Pub. L. 95-521, Ethics in Government Act of 1978; Pub. L. 101-194, Ethics Reform Act of 1989, as amended; and Executive Orders 12674, 12565, and 11222, as amended. The Regional Advisory Committees are also governed by the provisions of 5 U.S.C. Chapter 10 (Federal Advisory Committees).

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

N/A

## 21. Remarks

The objective of the Committee is to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Education (Secretary) regarding the educational needs of one of the ten regions served by the Regional Educational Laboratories (RELs) for input regarding technical assistance activities described in Section 203 of the Educational Technical Assistance Act (ETAA) and how those needs would be most effectively addressed.

## Designated Federal Officer

Sarah Zevin Education Program Specialist

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Benigni, Mark	07/01/2023	01/31/2024	Meriden Public Schools Superintendent of Schools, Meriden, Connecticut, Division Director, Federal & Education Support Programs, VT Agency of Education (AOE)"	Representative Member
Bordonaro, Anne	07/01/2023	01/31/2024	Dean and Professor School of Education University of the Virgin Islands Deputy Commissioner of Education, Maine Department of Education	Representative Member
Brown, Karen	07/01/2023	01/31/2024	St. Lawrence Central Elementary School - Principal	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Chuta, Daniel	07/01/2023	01/31/2024		
Colterman, Danielle	07/01/2023	01/31/2024		

Goldenberg, Lauren	07/01/2023	01/31/2024	New York City Department of Education, Senior Director, Research & Evaluation	Representative Member
Kielma, Carolyn	07/01/2023	01/31/2024	Practicing Educator - SGE	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lambert, Ed	07/01/2023	01/31/2024	Executive Director, Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education (MBAE)	Representative Member
Little, David	07/01/2023	01/31/2024	Executive Director Rural Schools Association of New York State, Inc President of	Representative Member
Lloyd, Charles	07/01/2023	01/31/2024	White Mountains Community College Superintendent of Schools, Brighton Central School District	Representative Member
McGowan, Kevin	07/01/2023	01/31/2024	K-12 Social Studies Coordinator, Plymouth School District	Representative Member
Powers, Robert	07/01/2023	01/31/2024	Albizu University, San Juan, PR -current President	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Roldan, Kelvin	07/01/2023	01/31/2024	IHE	Representative Member
Soto, Nelson	07/01/2023	01/31/2024	National Parent Leadership Institute (NPLI)	Representative Member
Thompson-Bennett, Donna	07/01/2023	01/31/2024	Executive Director	

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 15**

### **Narrative Description**

A strategic initiative of the Agency is improving direct and Department-funded technical assistance. The work of this and the nine other Regional Advisory Committees provides current information about technical assistance needs and how they can best be met.

### **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 type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" 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**

N/A

### **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**

N/A

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

0

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The recommendations will be uploaded in FY 2024.

**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**

0.00%

**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**

0.00%

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

Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

N/A

**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**

N/A

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

N/A

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

N/A