

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Faith Based Security Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Homeland Security

2. Fiscal Year

2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Faith Based Security Advisory
Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

84593

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
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No 07/26/2024 07/26/2026

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
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9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
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6 USC 451 Homeland Security Act	06/25/2020	Continuing	No
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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
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Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current FY	Next FY
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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?

FBSAC shall provide organizationally independent, strategic, timely, specific and actionable advice to the Secretary through the Assistant Secretary for Partnership and Engagement, who serves as the DHS Faith Based Organization Security Coordinator on matters related to houses of worship and faith-based organization security, and the Executive Director. FBSAC serves strictly as an advisory body with the purpose of providing advice upon the request of the Secretary. FBSAC advice may include: A. Strategy and Policy: Recommendations for the development of strategies and policies that will further the Department's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist

attacks, major disasters, or other emergencies. B.

Information-sharing and Coordination:

Recommendations for improving coordination and sharing of threat and security-related information, internally across the Department, externally across the Federal Government, and among state, local, tribal governments, first responders, the private and non-profit sectors, academia, and research communities. C. Management and

Implementation: Recommendations for the development and implementation of specific programs or initiatives to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and targeted violence. The FBSAC shall provide organizationally independent, strategic, timely, specific, and actionable advice to the Secretary through the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Partnership and Engagement (OPE), who serves as the DHS Faith-Based Organizations Security Coordinator on security and preparedness matters related to places of worship, faith communities, and faith-based organizations. The FBSAC serves strictly as an advisory body with the purpose of providing advice upon the request of the

Secretary. FBSAC advice may include: a. Strategy and Policy: Recommendations for the development and implementation of strategies and policies that will further the Department's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from acts of targeted violence or terrorism, major disasters, cyberattacks, or other threats or emergencies against places of worship, faith communities, and faith-based organizations. b.

Information-sharing and Coordination:

Recommendations for improving coordination and sharing of threat and security-related information and resources with and between places of worship, faith-based organizations non-profit entities, and the federal, state, local, tribal,

territorial, and private sector partners. This includes, but is not limited to, recommendations on proposed technical assistance and other resources that include the perspectives of a wide range of faith communities represented in a culturally competent manner, and address potential barriers, such as language access, and ways to build and rebuild relationships of trust between federal government and faith communities. c. Programs and Initiatives: Recommendations for the development and implementation of specific programs or initiatives to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from acts of targeted violence or terrorism, major disasters, 2 cyberattacks, or other threats or emergencies while preserving individual privacy and civil rights and civil liberties. d. Evaluation and Feedback: Recommendations for the efficiency and effectiveness of the Department's policies, strategies, and programs (including grant programs) intended to support the security and preparedness of places of worship, faith communities, and faith-based organizations. This includes, but is not limited to, providing feedback on how DHS can address the needs of faith communities against evolving and future threats.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

It is anticipated that the FBSAC will consist of no more than 30 members. In order for the Secretary to fully leverage broad-ranging experience and education, the FBSAC must be professionally, technically, and culturally diverse. These members shall all be leaders found within diverse and appropriate professions and communities nationwide. The non-federal membership shall be drawn from the following fields: • Faith-based organization security officials; • Faith-based

organization leaders; • Faith leaders; and • State and local public safety, law enforcement, and emergency management leaders.

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

Meetings of the FBSAC are held at the approval of the Secretary or DHS Faith-Based Organizations Security Coordinator, but typically take place quarterly.

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

o DHS attempted to tackle faith-based security internally and found the level of expertise was insufficient. The public participation and robust representation was not present in prior attempts to provide security-related information, training and engagements for faith based organizations. No other group exists focusing on faith based security on a national scale. This council's scope and objectives are not covered by any other existing agency or committee. To note, faith based security was a prior subcommittee of one of the DHS FACs, but terminated in a prior administration. The Acting Secretary elevated the importance of faith based security and requires a group of C-suite national leaders focus on the security of our homeland. That is the intention of this council.

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

Council meetings are open to the public unless a determination that the meeting should be closed is made by the appropriate DHS officials in accordance with DHS policy and directives, and with Title 5, United States Code, subsection (c) of Section 552b, The Sunshine Act.

21. Remarks

The Faith-Based Security Advisory Council is essential to show DHS' commitment to bolstering the safety and security of faith based organizations across the country. There is a large public interest in securing houses of worship and protecting our country from terrorist attacks on religious institutions. The Acting Secretary issued a memo requiring the creation of the interfaith council and created the new Office of Faith Based Security Coordination to provide federal support to the council. Every other option was explored by DHS and none sufficiently involved the level of expertise needed to advise on interfaith matters. The Acting Secretary decided DHS needed more public participation and the council is the only method to achieve it.

Designated Federal Officer

Nicole Rosich DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Acharya, Chandru	08/26/2022	08/26/2026	President of South Asian Voices for Impact	Representative Member
Al-Marayati, Salam	08/26/2022	08/26/2026	President of Muslim Public Affairs Council	Representative Member
Baker, Tracie	08/26/2022	08/26/2026	Deputy Chief of Arlington Texas Police Department	Representative Member
Burgo, Kimberly	08/26/2022	08/26/2026	Vice President of Disaster Operations	Representative Member
Cooper, Jeffery	08/26/2022	08/26/2026	General Secretary and Chief Information Officer of the African Methodist Episcopal Church	Representative Member

Copeland-Tune, Leslie	08/26/2022	08/26/2026	CEO of National Council of Churches Executive Director of Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund	Representative Member
Gill, Kiran	08/26/2022	08/26/2026	Imam and Executive Director of All Dulles Area Muslim Society, Multi-Faith Neighbors Network	Representative Member
Hagmagid, Mohamed	08/26/2022	08/26/2026	Executive Vice President of Orthodox Union	Representative Member
Hauer, Moshe	08/26/2022	08/26/2026	President and CEO of Faith and Community Empowerment President Emeritus, InfraGard Religious Facilities Protection Program	Representative Member
Im, Hyepin	08/26/2022	08/26/2026	National Director and CEO of Secure Community Network	Representative Member
Jones, Curtis	08/26/2022	08/26/2026	Sheriff of Mecklenburg County Assistant Director, Office of Public Affairs Federal Bureau of Investigation	Representative Member
Masters, Michael	08/26/2022	08/26/2026	Director, Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism	Representative Member
McFadden, Garry	08/26/2022	08/26/2026		
Milhoan, Cathy	05/01/2024	05/01/2026		
Pesner, Jonah	08/26/2022	08/26/2026		

Richins, Todd	08/26/2022	08/26/2026	Director of Field Operations	Representative Member
Saab, Mayya	08/26/2022	08/26/2026	Executive Director, Faith Based Information Sharing and Analysis Organization	Representative Member
Salguero, Gabriel	08/26/2022	08/26/2026	President, National Latino Evangelical Coalition	Representative Member
Schonfeld, Julie	08/26/2022	08/26/2026	CEO Emerita, The Rabbinical Assembly	Representative Member
Shahin, Issa	08/26/2022	08/26/2026	Chief, Dearborn Police Dept	Representative Member
Shareef, Talib	08/26/2022	08/26/2026	Imam, Masjid Muhammad	Representative Member
Sharpton, Al	08/26/2022	08/26/2026	Founder & President, National Action Network	Representative Member
Washington-Leapheart, Naomi	08/26/2022	08/26/2026	Director for Faith Based and Interfaith Affairs, Mayor's Office of Public Engagement, Philadelphia	Representative Member
Wood, April	08/26/2022	08/26/2026	President/CEO, National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 24

Narrative Description

On November 14, 2023, the DHS Secretary issued a multi-council tasking to review DHS efforts to combat online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (CSEA). The FBSAC received two additional taskings from the DHS Secretary on January 4, 2024. The FBSAC formed three subcommittees to work on the taskings. Each subcommittee presented their key findings and recommendations during a meeting on June 24, 2024, followed by their submission of their final reports to the DHS Secretary on June

24, 2024.

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 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

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

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

Number of Recommendations Comments

Three subcommittees each issued a report, CSEA - 5 recommendations, TVT - 10 categories, 29 recommendations, TNR - 11 recommendations

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

20%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The June 24, 2024, FBSAC recommendations to the Secretary are under review by DHS officials. Implementation meetings are currently underway. TNR - Recommendation #5 FLETC TNR video delivered to LE. TVT - DHS should enhance its efforts to convene local, regional, and national workshops, seminars, and exercises that bring together key stakeholders to address prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery strategies. To actively and substantively engage the faith-based community in the development of resources that are responsive to their needs, the Secretary should task the FBSAC, and other trusted community partners, to review draft products

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

20%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The June 24, 2024, FBSAC recommendations to the Secretary are under review by DHS officials. Implementation meetings are currently underway. TNR - Recommendation #4 the NSGP includes TNR as a category for funding, still need to include definition of TNR on NOFO and training materials; #6 TNR resources are translated in over 60 languages; #11 Collaborate with FVEYS partners to identify TNR prevention strategies. CSEA - Recommendation #1 Support and strengthen public awareness of Know2Protect and Project iGuardian with different communities. TVT - Several efforts underway as the report discusses previously issued recommendations.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Agency provides feedback to members via periodic emails and during FBSAC

meetings. The public receives information on agency feedback through open meeting minutes posted to the FBSAC website.

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

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

No

Grant Review Comments

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 type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments