

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Puerto Rico Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Commission on Civil Rights	2025
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Puerto Rico Advisory Committee	84617

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	05/19/2025	05/19/2027	05/19/2031

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
	N/A	

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	No	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
5 U.S.C. Appendix 2. In addition, the House Appropriations report for Fiscal Year 2021 H. Rept. 116-455	01/25/2021	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 8 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 8

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
The purpose is to continue discussion on their project on the civil rights impacts of the Insular Cases in Puerto Rico.	01/29/2025	01/29/2025

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Three panel briefings of the Puerto Rico Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene virtually by web conference to receive testimony on the civil rights impacts of the Insular Cases and the Non-Incorporation Doctrine on the Residents of Puerto Rico. 03/06/2025 - 03/06/2025

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Three panel briefings of the Puerto Rico Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene virtually by web conference to receive testimony on the civil rights impacts of the Insular Cases and the Non-Incorporation Doctrine on the Residents of Puerto Rico. 03/14/2025 - 03/14/2025

The purpose is to continue discussion on their project on the civil rights impacts of the Insular Cases in Puerto Rico. 04/23/2025 - 04/23/2025

The purpose is to continue discussion on their project on the civil rights impacts of the Insular Cases in Puerto Rico. 05/21/2025 - 05/21/2025

plan 06/26/2025 - 06/26/2025

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 8

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

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee accomplishes its purpose through information-gathering activities to include fact-finding activity, public briefing, and the solicitation of a broad cross-section of viewpoints about civil rights issues in its state and then reports on its findings and recommendations to the Commission.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Consideration is given to a cross-section of those directly affected, interested, and qualified as appropriate to the nature and functions of the Committee. No person is denied an opportunity to serve because of race, age, sex, religion, national origin, or disability. Members include individuals with a demonstrated interest in the civil rights issues of color, race, religion, gender, age, disability, national origin, and voting rights. Membership is fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed, and both major political parties are represented.

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

Depending upon resources, Advisory Committees are encouraged to meet at least four times each year and more often, if possible.

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

Congress has directed the Commission to establish at least one Committee in each state, the District of Columbia, and the five U.S. territories. The Committees compose a unique network of diverse citizens who enable the Commission to carry out its advisory purpose.

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

No meetings are closed or partially closed.

21. Remarks

Recommendations go to the Committee for approval to be forward to relevant agencies and organizations.

Designated Federal Officer

Victoria Moreno Civil Rights Analyst

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Arenal, Frank	01/21/2022	01/20/2026	President	Representative Member
Barquin, Ramon	01/21/2022	01/20/2026	Executive Director	Representative Member
Córdova, Andrés	01/21/2022	01/20/2026	Professor	Representative Member
Iglesias-Belendex, Manuel	01/21/2022	01/20/2026	Founder	Representative Member
Marxuach, Sergio	01/21/2022	01/20/2026	Policy Director	Representative Member
Olmos, Jose	01/21/2022	01/20/2026	Consultant/Contractor Military and Veteran Affairs	Representative Member
Padilla-Ruiz, Ever	01/21/2022	01/20/2026	Executive Director	Representative Member
Santiago, Dan	01/21/2022	01/20/2026	Director of Finance and Administration	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 9

Narrative Description

The Committee supports the agency's mission and strategic plan by advising the agency about civil rights matters with the state within the agency's jurisdiction to review.

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 type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

The Committee promotes public policy recommendations on civil rights issues and public awareness of current civil rights issues, including protections and enforcement of federal, state, and local civil rights laws.

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

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Over \$10,000,000

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Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

Through the network of volunteer members to Advisory Committees, the Commission saves money by not having to contract for the services these members provide.

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

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

Recommendations will be made after the Committee is chartered and begins its project process

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

The Committee's advisory function to the agency is fully implemented when it reports its findings and recommendations to the Commission in writing or orally. The Commission then forwards those recommendations to the specific entities identified in the recommendation. As solely a study agency, the Commission has no authority to implement most of the recommendations made by its Advisory Committees.

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

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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 Commissioners provide direct feedback to the Committee when the Committee reports are presented at Commission meetings. Commissioners are provided the opportunity to question the Committee Chair on the recommendations and provide direct feedback.

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

As part of the agency's strategic plan, the agency seeks and considers Committee input when it establishes its civil rights program priorities during its program planning process. The agency also solicits research assistance from the Committee in the course of generating the agency's annual statutory enforcement report. In addition, the agency solicits and receives Committee advice on ways to increase the effective utilization of Committees in the execution of the agency's mission and civil rights matters within its jurisdiction.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>

Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



Access Comments

N/A