

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Labor

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3b. GSA

Committee

No.

Labor Advisory Committee for Trade

Negotiations and Trade Policy

644

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

05/20/2020 05/20/2024

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

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

19 U.S.C. 2155(c)(1-2)

13. Effective Date

08/21/1980

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

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

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	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. 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?

The Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy (LAC) is an integral part of the U.S. International Trade Policy Development Structure. Its main function is to provide the Executive Branch with advice on trade negotiations and trade policy. The Department of Labor (DOL) and the United States Trade Representative (USTR) are jointly responsible for the LAC. The LAC was established pursuant to section 135(c)(1-2) of the Trade Act of 1974, 19 U.S.C. 2155(c)(1-2), as amended by section 1103 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, the

Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988, and Executive Order 11846 of March 27, 1975. The LAC makes its views known through advice offered in the course of its meetings, in letters addressed to Administration officials, in committee reports, and in follow-up discussions with principals' designated liaisons.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The LAC consists of no more than 30 members, jointly appointed by the Secretary of Labor and the United States Trade Representative. All members are representative members from the labor community, normally national or international presidents who represent the interest of their members, and more generally the interests of U.S. workers. Members represent a comprehensive range of workers in economic sectors that are directly and indirectly affected by international trade policy. The USTR and DOL have sought to streamline and consolidate LAC membership to accurately reflect the composition of the American workforce. Within the scope of the LAC's objectives and activities, the need to obtain divergent points of view on the issues before the LAC is of great importance to the development of its recommendations.

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

Through the LAC principals and their designated liaisons (who work in close coordination with each of their principals), the Administration maintains an ongoing dialogue in which it can receive advice, explain American trade policy actions and decisions, and discuss policy issues as they arise. Members have access to ongoing trade agreement negotiation documents through a

secure USTR website and offer advice on those documents. The LAC meets at the liaisons level regularly, and at the principals level at irregular intervals, depending upon the level of activity during trade negotiations and the nature and volume of reports required.

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

The LAC plays a unique role in the trade advisory process since it is the only committee whose main purpose is to provide advice from American labor on trade issues. The LAC's main focus is on the impact of trade policy decisions on U.S. employment and wage levels. Because principals and liaisons are required to have passed background checks and have access to non-public information, they are in a unique position to provide timely, detailed information and feedback on U.S. trade policy.

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

The meetings are closed because safeguarded trade-sensitive information regarding American trade policy and negotiating objectives are discussed.

21. Remarks

The Secretary of Labor and the USTR co-chair the LAC. The LAC reports to the Secretary of Labor through the Deputy Undersecretary for International Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor.

Designated Federal Officer

Anne Zollner Division Chief, Trade Policy and Negotiations

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Biggs, Matthew	04/11/2022	05/20/2024	Union President	Representative Member

Brown, Clayola	12/07/2010	05/20/2024	Union National President	Representative Member
Cooper, Kenneth	09/29/2023	05/20/2024	Union President	Representative Member
DePete, Joseph	03/08/2019	05/20/2024	Union President	Representative Member
Dorning, Jennifer	09/15/2022	05/20/2024	Union President	Representative Member
Drescher, Fran	04/11/2022	05/20/2024	Union President	Representative Member
Fain, Shawn	09/29/2023	05/20/2024	Union President	Representative Member
Hair, Raymond	05/20/2011	05/20/2024	Union President	Representative Member
Heindel, David	05/14/2015	05/20/2024	Union Secretary-Treasurer	Representative Member
Henry, Mary Kay	12/07/2010	05/20/2024	Union President	Representative Member
Kline, Richard	11/13/2009	05/20/2024	Union President	Representative Member
Martinez, Robert	08/23/2016	05/20/2024	Union International President	Representative Member
Nelson, Sara	10/01/2014	05/20/2024	Union International President	Representative Member
O'Brien, Sean	07/19/2022	05/20/2024	Union President	Representative Member
Perrone, Marc	05/14/2015	05/20/2024	Union International President	Representative Member
Redmond, Fred	09/29/2023	05/24/2024	Union Secretary-Treasurer	Representative Member
Regan, Greg	05/18/2021	05/20/2024	Union President	Representative Member
Roberts, Jr., Cecil	11/13/2009	05/20/2024	Union President	Representative Member
Rolando, Frederic	05/14/2015	05/20/2024	Union President	Representative Member
Saunders, Lee	02/10/2015	05/20/2024	Union President	Representative Member
Shelton, Anthony	05/20/2020	05/20/2024	Union International President	Representative Member
Shuler, Elizabeth	05/14/2015	05/20/2024	Union President	Representative Member
Velasquez, Baldemar	12/07/2010	05/20/2024	Union President	Representative Member
Weingarten, Randi	11/13/2009	05/20/2024	Union President	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 24

Narrative Description

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

Outcome Comments

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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

N/A.

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

11

Number of Recommendations Comments

The 11 recommendations reflect the aggregate of reported LAC ACR recommendations over the life of the committee.

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

DOL and USTR have found all recommendations by the LAC to be informative and helpful. Each recommendation has been studied and evaluated to understand its strengths and weaknesses. While it is difficult to put precise metrics on the adoption of these recommendations, DOL and USTR believe that each recommendation, whether it is fully implemented or not, improves the overall quality of U.S. trade policy and/or negotiation positions. In particular, DOL and USTR want to address and incorporate, to the extent possible, the concerns of U.S. workers.

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

DOL and USTR provide feedback to the LAC through dialogue with LAC members and their liaisons.

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 type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

The LAC advice is taken into consideration when trade agreements and trade policy are negotiated and implemented. Though advice may not always come in the form of formal recommendations, the LAC's views are thoughtfully and thoroughly examined by the two agencies as they work together to formulate and improve trade and labor policies.

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



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



Access Comments

The LAC closed meeting annual reports are available at the Library of Congress.