

# 2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Committee for the Preservation of the White House

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

## 2. Fiscal Year

2024

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Committee for the Preservation of the White House

## 3b. GSA

## Committee No.

499

## 4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

01/08/2024

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

01/08/2026

## 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

Presidential

## 12. Specific Establishment Authority

Executive Order 11145, March 7, 1964

## 13. Effective Date

03/07/1964

## 14. Committee Type

Continuing

## 14c. Presidential?

Yes

## 15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

## 16a. Total

## Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

## 17a.

Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

## Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current

FY

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 reports to the President and advises the Director of the National Park Service with respect to the discharge of his responsibilities under the Act of September 22, 1961, for the preservation and the interpretation of the museum character of the principal corridor on the ground floor and principal public rooms on the first floor of the White House. The Committee makes recommendations concerning articles of furniture, fixtures and decorative objects which are used or displayed in the aforesaid areas of the White House and as the decor and arrangements therein best suited to enhance the historic and artistic values of the White House and such articles, fixtures and objects.

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

As prescribed by Executive Order 11145 (as amended by Executive Order 13446), the Committee is composed of: (a) the Director of the National Park Service, who serves as Chair of the Committee; (b) the Curator of the White House; (c) the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution; (d) the Chairman of the Commission of Fine Arts; (e) the Director of the National Gallery of Art; (f) the Chief Usher of the White House; and (g) so many other members as the President of the United States may from time to time appoint. The Director of the National Park Service is to designate an official of the National Park Service to act as Executive Secretary to the Committee.

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

The Committee generally meets one to two times yearly. The Committee advice includes recommendations with regard to the preservation of the museum character and interpretation of the museum character of the principal corridor on the ground floor and the principal public rooms on the first floor of the White House. The Committee provides advice and counsel on additions being considered for the White House Collection and on the care and refurbishment of rooms and corridors on the State and Ground Floors of the White House.

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

The purpose of the Committee is to report to the President of the United States and advise the Director of the National Park Service regarding the maintenance of the White House as a public

monument.

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

Meetings are open to the public.

**21. Remarks**

The Committee met twice in FY 23. Re MEMBERSHIP--The Committee is composed of ex-officio members and Presidential appointees. Each ex-officio member continues to serve as long as the member encumbers the position designated for Committee membership; Presidential appointees serve at the pleasure of the President.

**Designated Federal Officer**

John J. Stanwich National Park Service Liaison to the White House

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Ashford, Penny	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	Photographer	Representative Member
			President & CEO	
Bowman, Leslie	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	Emeritus, Thomas Jefferson Foundation, Inc.	Representative Member
			RosaMary Curator of Decorative Arts and Design, New Orleans Museum of Art	
Buchanan, Mel	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	Secretary, Smithsonian Institution	Representative Member
Bunch, Lonnie	06/16/2019	01/20/2025	Curator Emerita of Furniture, Winterthur Museum	Ex Officio Member
Cooper, Wendy	04/13/2023	01/20/2025		Representative Member

Downing, Robert	12/01/2021	01/20/2025	Director of the Executive Residence and Chief Usher	Ex Officio Member
Feldman, Kaywin	03/14/2019	01/20/2025	Director, The National Gallery of Art	Ex Officio Member
Frank, John	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	Chief Public Affairs Officer, Illumina	Representative Member
Hayashi-Smith, Donna	06/02/2023	01/20/2025	Acting White House Curator	Ex Officio Member
Haynes, Lauren	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	Director of Curatorial Affairs and Programs, Queens Museum	Representative Member
Lasser, Ethan	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	John Moors Cabot Chair of the Art of the Americas, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston	Representative Member
Lehrer-Stein, Janni	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	Attorney and Disability Rights Activist	Representative Member
Norton, Dean	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	Director of Horticulture and Livestock, George Washington's Mount Vernon Curator	Representative Member
Nylander, Richard	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	Emeritus, Historic New England	Representative Member
Pritzker, M	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	First Lady of Illinois	Representative Member
Sams, Charles	12/16/2021	01/20/2025	National Park Service Director	Ex Officio Member
Susman, Ellen	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	President, Susman Family Foundation	Representative Member
Tederick, Lydia	01/21/2017	01/20/2025	White House Curator	Ex Officio Member

Tsien, Billie	06/17/2021	01/20/2025	Architect	Ex Officio Member
Wilmerding, John	04/13/2023	01/20/2025	Professor of Art Emeritus, Princeton University	Representative Member
Luebke, Thomas [Preservation of the White House Grounds]	04/14/2023	01/20/2025	Secretary, U.S. Commission on Fine Arts	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 21**

### **Narrative Description**

The Committee for the Preservation of the White House reports to the President and advises the Director of the National Park Service on his or her responsibilities under the Act of September 22, 1961, for the preservation and interpretation of the museum character of the principal corridor on the ground floor and the principal public rooms on the first floor of the White House.

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

### **Outcome Comments**

The Committee advises on the implementation of portions of the Act of September 22, 1961.

### **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**

Members of the Committee serve without compensation and are reimbursed for their travel, if requested. Members share their expertise in a variety of subject matter areas affecting the State and Ground Floor rooms of the White House. It is impossible to determine the cost to the government of obtaining this level of expert advice on room design, preservation and the fine and decorative arts.

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

71

### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

The Committee made 9 recommendations in FY 23. • Review and update the White House Museum Collection Policies. • Establish a subcommittee to update the White House Library. • To develop proposals for refurbishing some elements of the White House Blue Room such as wallcoverings, rugs, and display of artwork. • Acquisition of a ca. 1817 wooden door panel from the State Floor that was removed in a 1902 renovation project. • Acquisition of a set of nesting tables constructed from White House wood and presented to Walter Reed Hospital in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and First Lady Mamie Eisenhower. • Possible acquisition of papers from estate of William Voss Elder III, the second White House Curator. • Explore how to enhance the White House tour visitor experience. • Explore the possibility of how best to commemorate enslaved people who worked at the White House. • Recognize with a citation retired White House Curator Lydia Tederick for her excellence and ceaseless dedication to the White House, the American people, and the museum field.

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

100%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

The Committee's advice and counsel is followed in the care and preservation of the Ground Floor Hallway and the Rooms on the State Floor and in the acquisitions for, and loans of, the White House Collection.

**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**

NA

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

Feedback is provided through subsequent committee meetings or through emails and mailings.

**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**

Committee members advise on the preservation and interpretation of the Ground and State floor rooms of the White House and on the acquisition of fine and decorative arts for the White House Collection.

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

No

## Grant Review Comments

NA

## 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 type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Access Comments

Please contact John Stanwich, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 219-0322 or [john\\_stanwich@nps.gov](mailto:john_stanwich@nps.gov) for information on the Committee.