

# 2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on International Postal and Delivery Services

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of State

## 2. Fiscal Year

2024

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Committee on International Postal and Delivery Services

## 3b. GSA

## Committee

## No.

34361

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

11/05/2021

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

11/05/2023

## 7. Expected Term Date

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

39 U.S.C. Section 407(b)(3)

## 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

39 U.S.C. Section 407(b)(3)

## 13. Effective Date

12/20/2006

## 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
<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?**

Committee members provide viewpoints and share information relevant to the Department of State's formulation, coordination and oversight of foreign policy related to international postal and delivery services. The Committee may also make specific or general policy recommendations.

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

Approximately twenty-five percent full-time regular government employees, seventy-five percent

representatives of particular interest groups comprising international mailers and providers of international delivery services.

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

Meetings have been held annually in recent years. The most recent meeting in September 2023 was again held remotely but worked well. Specific agenda items change meeting to meeting but are typically related to policy issues being considered in the Universal Postal Union. This year the meeting focused on the agenda of the 2023 UPU Extraordinary Congress in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and particularly proposals to further open the union to stakeholders in the wider postal sector and to establish a climate agenda for the UPU. The Department of State considers the meetings to be relevant to its work, since they provide a venue to discuss the views and concerns of mailers, delivery service providers, and other stakeholders.

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

The advice is obtained elsewhere as well, but the committee is required by specific statutory language found in Section 405 of the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PL 109-435)

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

Meetings are announced in the Federal Register and are open to all those who wish to attend.

**21. Remarks**

This Advisory Committee produces no formal reports but serves as a vehicle to engage key stakeholders on relevant and timely international

postal policy issues before the Department.

## Designated Federal Officer

Stuart M. Smith Chief, International Postal Affairs

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Alford, Eugene	02/01/2022	01/31/2024	Supply Chain Team Lead, Interational Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Amitrano, Nicholas	07/17/2023	07/16/2025	Chief, DHS/CBP	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Anderson, Mary	02/01/2022	01/31/2024	Executive Director, International Postal Affairs, U.S. Postal Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Callan, John	04/26/2018	07/16/2025	Managing Director	Representative Member
Clark, James	09/13/2023	09/12/2025	Division Chief, MPSA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Felix, Shea	04/26/2018	07/16/2025	Senior Manager	Representative Member
Grove, Shoshana	03/09/2021	07/16/2025	CEO	Representative Member
Kellison, Keith	04/26/2018	07/16/2025	Vice President	Representative Member
Krzywda, David	09/13/2023	09/12/2025	Director, IO/STA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Law, Merry	04/26/2018	07/16/2025	President	Representative Member
Levy, Allison	02/01/2022	01/31/2024	Senior International Policy Advisor, Postal Regulatory Commission	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Mullen, Michael	04/26/2018	07/16/2025	Executive Director	Representative Member
Muth, Kate	04/26/2018	07/16/2025	Executive Director	Representative Member

Nissen, Todd	04/26/2018	07/16/2025	Director, USTR	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Palmer, Brian	04/26/2018	09/12/2025	Senior Manager	Representative Member
Plunkett, Michael	04/26/2018	07/16/2025	President and CEO	Representative Member
Reisner, Robert	02/01/2022	01/31/2024	President	Representative Member
Steidler, Paul	04/26/2018	07/16/2025	Executive Vice President	Representative Member
Vetrini, Salvatore	07/17/2023	07/16/2025	Counsel	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 19**

### Narrative Description

The Advisory Committee enhances the Department of State's leadership role in seeking to create a more secure and prosperous world by supporting policy formulation to facilitate international communication and commerce through secure, competitive and affordable postal and private sector delivery services.

### 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

**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**

Not Applicable

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

38

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The Committee produced 38 informal recommendations in the years before 2016 regarding U.S. policy towards international postal and delivery services but has not done so since. Instead, it receives annual briefings on issues the Department is addressing in the Universal Postal Union (UPU), seeks clarification and information about them, and provides informal input and advice for the Department's consideration.

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

41%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

Some recommendations of the Committee were pursued at the UPU but not adopted by its bodies. Most recommendations, not requiring UPU action have been adopted.

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

5%

### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

No recommendations have been made in recent years.

### **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 Department of State and other agencies provide feedback to Advisory Committee members in subsequent Committee meetings. The public receives feedback by following those meetings or reviewing meeting minutes on the Department web site.

### **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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### **Action Comments**

Although the Committee made no formal recommendations in FY 2023, the State Department has, in the past, adjusted the positions of the U.S. delegation to UPU meetings in light of the advice developed by the Advisory Committee. While in recent years the DFO chaired committee meetings as permitted by the Charter, the Department appointed the Director of the Office of Specialized and Technical Agencies (IO/STA), the office where the postal section is located, to chair the committee since 2022.

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

No

### **Grant Review Comments**

Not Applicable

### **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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Access Comments**

<https://www.state.gov/meetings-of-the-advisory-committee-on-international-postal-and-delivery-s>