

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Faith Based Security Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Homeland Security

2. Fiscal Year

2024

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
No	07/26/2022	07/26/2024	

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	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?
6 USC 451 Homeland Security Act	06/25/2020	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory
Board

16a. Total
Number of
Reports

No Reports for
this FiscalYear

17a. 0 17b. Closed0 17c. Partially Closed0 Other Activities0 17d. Total0
Open

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

Sameer Hossain DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Acharya, Chandru	08/26/2022	08/26/2024	President of South Asian Voices for Impact	Representative Member
Al-Marayati, Salam	08/26/2022	08/26/2024	President of Muslim Public Affairs Council	Representative Member
Baker, Tracie	08/26/2022	08/26/2024	Deputy Chief of Arlington Texas Police Department	Representative Member
Burgo, Kimberly	08/26/2022	08/26/2024	Vice President of Disaster Operations	Representative Member
Cooper, Jeffery	08/26/2022	08/26/2024	General Secretary and Chief Information Officer of the African Methodist Episcopal Church	Representative Member

Copeland-Tune, Leslie	08/26/2022	08/26/2024	CEO of National Council of Churches Executive Director of Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund	Representative Member
Gill, Kiran	08/26/2022	08/26/2024	Imam and Executive Director of All Dulles Area Muslim Society, Multi-Faith Neighbors Network	Representative Member
Hagmagid, Mohamed	08/26/2022	08/26/2024	Executive Vice President of Orthodox Union	Representative Member
Hauer, Moshe	08/26/2022	08/26/2024	President and CEO of Faith and Community Empowerment	Representative Member
Im, Hyepin	08/26/2022	08/26/2024	President Emeritus, InfraGard Religious Facilities Protection Program	Representative Member
Jones, Curtis	08/26/2022	08/26/2024	Director, Orange County Sheriff's Department	Representative Member
Martinez, Alberto	08/26/2022	08/26/2024	National Director and CEO of Secure Community Network	Representative Member
Masters, Micheal	08/26/2022	08/26/2024	Sheriff of Mecklenburg County	Representative Member
McFadden, Garry	08/26/2022	08/26/2024	Director, Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism	Representative Member
Pesner, Jonah	08/26/2022	08/26/2024	Director of Field Operations	Representative Member
Richins, Todd	08/26/2022	08/26/2024		

Saab, Mayya	08/26/2022	08/26/2024	Executive Director, Faith Based Information Sharing and Analysis Organization	Representative Member
Salguero, Gabriel	08/26/2022	08/26/2024	President, National Latino Evangelical Coalition	Representative Member
Schonfeld, Julie	08/26/2022	08/26/2024	CEO Emerita, The Rabbinical Assembly	Representative Member
Shahin, Issa	08/26/2022	08/26/2024	Chief, Dearborn Police Dept	Representative Member
Shareef, Talib	08/26/2022	08/26/2024	Imam, Masjid Muhammad	Representative Member
Sharpton, Al	08/26/2022	08/26/2024	Founder & President, National Action Network	Representative Member
Washington-Leapheart, Naomi	08/26/2022	08/26/2024	Director for Faith Based and Interfaith Affairs, Mayor's Office of Public Engagement, Philadelphia	Representative Member
Wood, April	08/26/2022	08/26/2024	President/CEO, National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 24

Narrative Description

The FBSAC received three taskings from the DHS Secretary on January 24, 2023. The FBSAC formed three subcommittees to work on the taskings. Each subcommittee presented their key findings and recommendations during a meeting on June 6, 2023, followed by their submission of their final reports to the DHS Secretary on June 6, 2023.

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?

90

Number of Recommendations Comments

Three subcommittees each issued a report, totaling 90 recommendations altogether.

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 June 6, 2023 FBSAC recommendations to the Secretary are under review by the Secretary and other DHS officials. An implementation plan is currently being developed.

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 FBSAC will meet on November 29, 2023 to discuss next steps on implementation of recommendations.

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