

§ 101-6.1014

of an independent Presidential advisory committee, the President's designee shall file—

- (1) The charter with the Secretariat;
- (2) A copy of the filed charter with the Library of Congress; and
- (3) If specifically directed by law, a copy of the charter indicating its date of filing with the Secretariat, with the standing committees on the Senate and the House of Representatives having legislative jurisdiction of the agency or the independent Presidential advisory committee.

§ 101-6.1014 [Reserved]

§ 101-6.1015 Advisory committee information which must be published in the Federal Register.

(a) *Committee establishment, reestablishment, or renewal.* (1) A notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER is required when an advisory committee, except a committee specifically directed by law or established by the President by Executive Order, is established, used, reestablished, or renewed. Upon receiving notification of the completed review from the Secretariat in accordance with paragraph (c) of §101-6.1007, the agency shall publish a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER that the committee is being established, used, reestablished, or renewed. For a new committee, such notice shall also describe the nature and purpose of the committee and the agency's plan to attain fairly balanced membership, and shall include a statement that the committee is necessary and in the public interest.

(2) Establishment and reestablishment notices shall appear at least 15 calendar days before the committee charter is filed, except that the Secretariat may approve less than 15 days when requested by the agency for good cause. The 15-day advance notice requirement does not apply to committee renewals, notices of which may be published concurrently with the filing of the charter.

(b) *Committee meetings.* (1) The agency or an independent Presidential advisory committee shall publish at least 15 calendar days prior to an advisory committee meeting a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER, which includes:

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- (i) The exact name of the advisory committee as chartered;
- (ii) The time, date, place, and purpose of the meeting;
- (iii) A summary of the agenda; and
- (iv) A statement whether all or part of the meeting is open to the public or closed, and if closed, the reasons why, citing the specific exemptions of the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552(b)) as the basis for closure.

(2) In exceptional circumstances, the agency or an independent Presidential advisory committee may give less than 15 days notice, provided that the reasons for doing so are included in the committee meeting notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

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§ 101-6.1016 [Reserved]

§ 101-6.1017 Responsibilities of the agency Committee Management Officer.

In addition to implementing the provisions of section 8(b) of the Act, the Committee Management Officer will carry out all responsibilities delegated by the agency head. The Committee Management Officer should also ensure that section 10(b), 12(a) and 13 of the Act are implemented by the agency to provide for appropriate recordkeeping. Records include, but are not limited to:

- (a) A set of approved charters and membership lists for each advisory committee;
- (b) Copies of the agency's portion of the Annual Report of Federal Advisory Committees required by paragraph (b) of §101-6.1035;
- (c) Agency guidelines on committee management operations and procedures as maintained and updated; and
- (d) Agency determinations to close advisory committee meetings as required by paragraph (c) of §101-6.1023.

§ 101-6.1018 [Reserved]

§ 101-6.1019 Duties of the Designated Federal Officer.

The agency head or, in the case of an independent Presidential advisory committee, the Administrator shall designate a Federal officer or employee, who may be either full-time or

permanent part-time, to be the Designated Federal Officer for each advisory committee and its subcommittees, who:

- (a) Must approve or call the meeting of the advisory committee;
- (b) Must approve the agenda;
- (c) Must attend the meetings;
- (d) Shall adjourn the meetings when such adjournment is in the public interest; and
- (e) Chairs the meeting when so directed by the agency head.
- (f) The requirement in paragraph (b) of this section does not apply to a Presidential advisory committee.

§ 101-6.1020 [Reserved]

§ 101-6.1021 Public participation in advisory committee meetings.

The agency head, or the chairperson of an independent Presidential advisory committee, shall ensure that—

- (a) Each advisory committee meeting is held at a reasonable time and in a place reasonably accessible to the public;
- (b) The meeting room size is sufficient to accommodate advisory committee members, committee or agency staff, and interested members of the public;
- (c) Any member of the public is permitted to file a written statement with the advisory committee; and
- (d) Any member of the public may speak at the advisory committee meeting if the agency's guidelines so permit.

§ 101-6.1022 [Reserved]

§ 101-6.1023 Procedures for closing an advisory committee meeting.

(a) To close all or part of a meeting, an advisory committee shall submit a request to the agency head or, in the case of an independent Presidential advisory committee, the Administrator, citing the specific provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552(b)) which justify the closure. The request shall provide the agency head or the Administrator sufficient time to review the matter in order to make a determination prior to publication of the meeting notice required by § 101-6.1015(b).

(b) The general counsel of the agency or, in the case of an independent Presidential advisory committee, the general counsel of the General Services Administration should review all requests to close meetings.

(c) If the agency head or, in the case of an independent Presidential advisory committee, the Administrator agrees that the request is consistent with the provisions in the Government in the Sunshine Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, he or she shall issue a determination that all or part of the meeting be closed.

(d) The agency head, or the chairperson of an independent Presidential advisory committee, shall:

- (1) Make a copy of the determination available to the public upon request; and
- (2) State the reasons why all or part of the meeting is closed, citing the specific exemptions used from the Government in the Sunshine Act in the meeting notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

§ 101-6.1024 [Reserved]

§ 101-6.1025 Requirement for maintaining minutes of advisory committee meetings.

(a) The agency head or, in the case of an independent Presidential advisory committee, the chairperson shall ensure that detailed minutes of each advisory committee meeting are kept. The minutes must include:

- (1) Time, date, and place;
- (2) A list of the following persons who were present:
 - (i) Advisory committee members and staff;
 - (ii) Agency employees; and
 - (iii) Members of the public who presented oral or written statements;
- (3) An estimated number of other members of the public present;
- (4) An accurate description of each matter discussed and the resolution, if any, made by the committee of such matter; and
- (5) Copies of each report or other document received, issued, or approved by the committee.

(b) The chairperson of each advisory committee shall certify to the accuracy of all minutes of advisory committee meetings.