

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice: 12263]****Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation—Notice of Closed and Open Meetings for 2024**

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation will meet on March 11–12, September 9–10, and December 9–10, 2024, in open and closed sessions to discuss matters concerning declassification and transfer of Department of State records to the National Archives and Records Administration and the status of the *Foreign Relations* series.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions concerning the meeting should be directed to Adam M. Howard, Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation, Department of State, Office of the Historian, Washington, DC 20372, telephone (202) 955–0214, (email history@state.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Committee will meet virtually, in open session only, on June 10.

Open sessions for the meetings will take place from 10:00 a.m. until noon in SA–4D Conference Room 109, Department of State, 2300 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20372 (Potomac Navy Hill Annex), with a virtual option on March 11, September 9, and December 9. RSVP and requests for reasonable accommodation for each meeting should be sent as directed below:

- March 11, not later than March 4, 2024.
- June 10, not later than June 3, 2024 (virtual only).
- September 9, not later than September 2, 2024.
- December 9, not later than December 2, 2024.

Closed Sessions. The Committee's sessions in the afternoon of Monday, March 11, 2023; in the morning of Tuesday, March 12, 2024; in the afternoon of Monday, September 9, 2024; in the morning of Tuesday, September 10, 2024; in the afternoon of Monday, December 9, 2024; and in the morning of Tuesday, December 10, 2024, will be closed in accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463). The agenda calls for discussions of agency declassification decisions concerning the *Foreign Relations* series and other declassification issues. These are matters properly classified and not subject to public disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and the public interest requires that such activities be withheld from disclosure.

RSVP Instructions. Prior notification and a valid government-issued photo ID (such as driver's license, passport, U.S. Government or military ID) are required for entrance into the Department of State building. Members of the public planning to attend the open meetings should RSVP, by the dates indicated above, to Julie Fort, Office of the Historian (202–955–0214). When responding, please provide date of birth, valid government-issued photo identification number and type (such as driver's license number/state, passport number/country, or U.S. Government ID number/agency or military ID number/branch), and relevant telephone numbers. If you cannot provide one of the specified forms of ID, please consult with Julie Fort for acceptable alternative forms of picture identification.

Personal data is requested pursuant to Public Law 99–399 (Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), as amended; Public Law 107–56 (USA PATRIOT Act); and Executive Order 13356. The purpose of the collection is to validate the identity of individuals who enter Department facilities. The data will be entered into the Visitor Access Control System (VACS–D) database. Please see the Security Records System of Records Notice (State-36) at <https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Security-Records-STATE-36.pdf>, for additional information. Note that requests for reasonable accommodation received after the dates indicated in this notice will be considered but might not be possible to fulfill.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. 1009, 22 U.S.C. 2651a, and 41 CFR 102–3.150)

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**[Docket No. EP 774]****Establishment of the Passenger Rail Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.
ACTION: Notice of establishment of a Federal advisory committee on passenger rail service.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board (Board) has determined that it is necessary and in the public interest to establish a Federal advisory committee on passenger rail service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please direct any questions to Brian O'Boyle, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 245–0364 or Brian.OBoyle@stb.gov. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245–0245.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Chapter 10, the Board intends to establish a new federal advisory committee, the Passenger Rail Advisory Committee (PRAC or Committee), to provide advice and recommendations to the Board on issues relating to passenger rail service. In accordance with FACA, a charter of a newly created Committee has been prepared and will be filed with the Board's congressional oversight committees at least 15 days following the date of publication of this notice, after which the Board will issue a decision seeking nominations for individuals to serve on the new committee.

Objectives and Duties of the Committee

The purpose of the PRAC is to provide advice and guidance to the Board on passenger rail issues on a continuing basis to help the Board better fulfill its statutory responsibilities in overseeing certain aspects of passenger rail service. The Committee will provide a forum for the Board and stakeholders to discuss passenger rail issues in a manner that balances the interests of intercity and commuter rail passengers and operators, government entities, freight rail carriers and their customers, railway labor, and the general public. The Committee will function as a discretionary advisory body and will comply with the provisions of FACA and its implementing regulations.

The Committee is essential to the conduct of agency business, as the Board's responsibilities and duties relating to passenger rail have expanded and become more defined in recent years. The Committee would provide the Board with valuable insight to help it better carry out these responsibilities and duties.

The scope of the Committee's activities shall include providing information, advice, and recommendations to the Board on issues impacting the development and operation of railroad passenger services, including: improving efficiency on passenger rail routes; reducing disputes between passenger rail carriers and freight rail hosts regarding the use of freight rail carrier-owned facilities and infrastructure for passenger service, including passenger on-time