

May 1, 2025. See 89 FR 48029 (June 4, 2024). The Commission received a tremendous amount of input from across the country, including more than 1,200 pages of comments. The Commission is grateful to the many judges, members of Congress, executive branch agencies, probation officers, advisory groups, attorneys, professors, advocates, organizations, and incarcerated individuals who took the time to provide such thoughtful ideas that aim to make federal sentencing fairer and more just. While the Commission received a wide array of comments, there were a clear set of themes among them, including the following:

(1) Simplifying the guidelines and clarifying their role in sentencing, including revising the “categorical approach” for purposes of the career offender guideline and possibly amending the *Guidelines Manual* to address the three-step process set forth in § 1B1.1 (Application Instructions) and the use of departures and policy statements relating to specific personal characteristics.

(2) Reducing the costs of unnecessary incarceration.

(3) Promoting public safety.

(4) Improving community supervision.

(5) Expanding the Commission’s use of expertise, evidence, and best practices.

(6) Promoting evidence-based approaches to offense and individual characteristics.

While the Commission will continue to evaluate all the ideas it has received, the Commission is committed to prioritizing—during the upcoming amendment cycle and beyond—one or more of these themes, as well as implementing any legislation warranting Commission action and resolving circuit conflicts pursuant to the Commission’s authority under 28 U.S.C. 991(b)(1)(B) and *Braxton v. United States*, 500 U.S. 344 (1991). In prioritizing some themes, the Commission may submit related guideline amendments to Congress not later than May 1, 2025. In prioritizing other themes, the Commission may use issues for comment, workshops, roundtables, conferences, and other tools to solicit input about what, if any, action the Commission should take in the future.

(Authority: 28 U.S.C. 994(a), (o); USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 2.2, 5.2.)

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UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

Request for Applications; Tribal Issues Advisory Group

AGENCY: United States Sentencing Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In view of an upcoming vacancy in the at-large membership of the Tribal Issues Advisory Group, the United States Sentencing Commission hereby invites any individual who is eligible to be appointed to the at-large membership of the Tribal Issues Advisory Group to apply. An applicant for membership in the Tribal Issues Advisory Group should apply by sending a letter of interest and resume to the Commission as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section below.

DATES: Application materials for the at-large membership of the Tribal Issues Advisory Group should be received not later than October 14, 2024.

ADDRESSES: An applicant for the at-large membership of the Tribal Issues Advisory Group should apply by sending a letter of interest and resume to the Commission by electronic mail or regular mail. The email address is pubaffairs@ussc.gov. The regular mail address is United States Sentencing Commission, One Columbus Circle NE, Suite 2–500, South Lobby, Washington, DC 20002–8002, Attention: Public Affairs—TIAG Membership.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Dukes, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, (202) 502–4597. More information about the Tribal Issues Advisory Group is available on the Commission’s website at <http://www.ussc.gov/about/who-we-are/advisory-groups>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Sentencing Commission is an independent agency in the judicial branch of the United States Government. The Commission promulgates sentencing guidelines and policy statements for federal courts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(a). The Commission also periodically reviews and revises previously promulgated guidelines pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(o) and submits guideline amendments to the Congress not later than the first day of May each year pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(p).

The Tribal Issues Advisory Group is a standing advisory group of the United States Sentencing Commission established pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 995 and Rule 5.4 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure. Under the

charter for the Tribal Issues Advisory Group, the purpose of the advisory group is (1) to assist the Commission in carrying out its statutory responsibilities under 28 U.S.C. 994(o); (2) to provide to the Commission its views on federal sentencing issues relating to American Indian and Alaska Native defendants and victims, and to offenses committed in Indian country; (3) to engage in meaningful consultation and outreach with tribes, tribal governments, and tribal organizations regarding federal sentencing issues that have tribal implications; (4) to disseminate information regarding federal sentencing issues to tribes, tribal governments, and tribal organizations; and (5) to perform any other related functions as the Commission requests. The advisory group consists of no more than nine members, each of whom may serve not more than two consecutive three-year terms. Of those nine members, not more than one shall be a federal judge; two shall be from the Executive Branch (one from the United States Department of Justice and one from the United States Department of the Interior); one shall be from a federal public defender organization or community defender organization; one shall be a tribal court judge; and not more than four shall be at-large members.

Members of the Tribal Issues Advisory Group are appointed by the Commission. To be eligible to serve as a member, an individual must have expertise, knowledge and/or experience in the issues considered by the Tribal Issues Advisory Group. The Commission intends that the at-large membership shall include individuals with membership in or experience with tribes, tribal governments, and tribal organizations, appointed in a manner that ensures representation among tribal communities diverse in size, geographic location, and other unique characteristics.

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