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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Advisory Committee September 9, 2024

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Archivist Welcome



Dr. Colleen J. Shogan

Archivist of the United
States



Welcome and Housekeeping



Alina M. Semo

Director, Office of Government
Information Services
and Chairperson,
FOIA Advisory Committee



Housekeeping



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YouTube chat is not on. Submit comments to: archives.gov/ogis/public-comments



Oral public comments will be heard before the Committee adjourns



Minutes & transcript will be posted online on the OGIS website



The meeting is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. ET and conclude at 1 p.m. ET



Introduction of Committee Members

- Alina M. Semo – Chair, National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Government Information Services
- Jason R. Baron – University of Maryland
- Kevin Bell – Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Nieva Brock – Department of Defense, Defense Intelligence Agency
- David Cuillier – University of Florida, Brechner Center for the Advancement of the First Amendment
- Whitney Frazier-Jenkins – Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation
- Elizabeth Hempowicz – American Oversight
- Scott Hodes – Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
- Shelley Kimball – Johns Hopkins University
- Margaret Kwoka – The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law



Introduction of Committee Members

- Frank LoMonte – Cable News Network (CNN)
- Marianne Manheim - Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health
- Joan Mumbleaux – Environmental Protection Agency
- Deborah Moore - Department of Education
- Ryan Mulvey – Americans for Prosperity Foundation
- Richard Peltz-Steele – University of Massachusetts School of Law
- Melissa Pickworth - Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration
- Bobak (Bobby) Talebian - Department of Justice, Office of Information Policy
- Nicholas Wittenberg - Armedia
- Sarah Jones Weicksel – American Historical Association



FOIA Advisory Committee: Responsibilities, Bylaws & Procedures



Kirsten B. Mitchell

Designated Federal Officer
FOIA Advisory Committee



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Authorities:

- Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)
- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- Government in Sunshine Act

National Archives Identifier 6645458





FOIA Advisory Committee: Responsibilities, Bylaws & Procedures



Designated Federal Officer (DFO)

- Attend all Committee & Subcommittee meetings
- Prepare & approve meeting agendas
- Maintain records incl. minutes
- Chair meeting when so directed by agency head
- Be a resource

National Archives Identifier 205591644



FOIA Advisory Committee: Responsibilities, Bylaws & Procedures

Committee members

- Attend & volunteer
- Submit agenda ideas
- Deliberate & advise the Archivist
- Federal members only: annual financial disclosure for ethics review

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FOIA Advisory Committee: Responsibilities, Bylaws & Procedures



Subcommittee co-chairs (one government member & one non-government member)

- Work with DFO to schedule meetings
- Set subcommittee meeting agendas
- Lead the subcommittee in its work
- Copy DFO on subcommittee correspondence

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FOIA Advisory Committee: Responsibilities, Bylaws & Procedures

Members of the public

- Attend open meetings
- Submit written public comments at any time
- Speak during public comments period

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FOIA Advisory Committee is on a break: back soon!

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Passing the Baton: Ideas from the 2022-2024 Term to the 2024-2026 Term



Jason R. Baron



David Cuillier



Bobby Talebian

2022-2024 Committee Members



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Public Comments

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Mark your calendars!

The second meeting of the 2024-
2026 term is virtual
Friday, September 13, 2024
10 a.m. ET



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