

GSA Acquisition Policy Federal Advisory Committee (GAP FAC) Policy & Practice Subcommittee Meeting

April 20, 2023

The GSA Acquisition Policy Federal Advisory Industry Partnerships Subcommittee convened for the ninth public meeting at 3:00 PM on April 20, 2023, virtually via Zoom, with Steven Schooner, Chair, and Luke Bassis, Co-Chair, presiding.

In accordance with FACA, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App 2, the meeting was open to the public from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM EST.

Committee Members Present:

Steven Schooner, Chairperson	<i>George Washington University</i>
Luke Bassis, Co-Chairperson	<i>Port Authority of New York and New Jersey</i>
Richard Beutel	<i>George Mason University</i>
Leslie Cordes	<i>Ceres</i>
Dr. Amlan Mukherjee	<i>Michigan Technological University</i>
Jennie Romer	<i>Environmental Protection Agency</i>
Stacy Smedley	<i>Building Transparency</i>
Nigel Stephens	<i>US Black Chamber of Commerce</i>
Dr. David Wagger	<i>Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries</i>
Dr. Kimberly Wise White	<i>American Chemistry Council</i>

Absent:

Antonio Doss, Mark Hayden, Mamie Mallory, and Anish Tilak

Guest Speakers & Presenters: N/A

GSA Staff Present:

Boris Arratia	<i>Designated Federal Officer</i>
Stephanie Hardison	<i>Deputy Designated Federal Officer</i>
David Cochennic	<i>GAP FAC Support Team</i>
Skylar Holloway	<i>GAP FAC Support Team</i>
Taylor Burney	<i>Closed Captioner</i>
Steve Babb	<i>ASL Interpreters</i>
Nicole Pancino	<i>ASL Interpreters</i>

CALL TO ORDER

Boris Arratia, Designated Federal Officer, opened the public meeting by welcoming the group before reminding the public that there would be time for comments and statements at the end of the meeting. He then performed a roll call to confirm attendance and a quorum. After the quorum was met, he turned the meeting over to Co-Chair Luke Bassis for Introductory Remarks.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Co-Chair Luke Bassis opened the meeting by telling the subcommittee that this is the final working session before the May 4th public meeting, and they are close to a final draft on single-use plastics recommendations. They will use this meeting to review the recommendation and ensure that it reflects the input of the full subcommittee.

SUBCOMMITTEE BUSINESS

The committee will be working to ensure all members are okay with the recommendations presented in the May 4th public meeting. They began by reviewing their recommendation slide, starting with a conclusion review.

The group voted to move forward with the drafted conclusion and moved to the recommendation section.

The group reviewed the recommendation and agreed with the drafted recommendation before moving on to the additional considerations section.

The additional considerations are a list of potential recommendations the subcommittee drafted. The group agreed to change “additional considerations” to “considerations.” Jennie, Anish & David will review and simplify the language in bullet point 4: When considering material substitution for plastic packaging marketed as compostable, ensure that such items are accepted in local commercial composting programs. Also, consider end-of-life implications for items marketed as biodegradable.

Chairman Steven Schooner reiterated that if any subcommittee members have suggestions or any changes in languages that should be made, they need to be shared before COB on April 29th.

The group planned who would speak and give the full committee insight into their recommendations.

Antonio Doss suggested showcasing a notional benefit value of the recommendations the group is proposing would be good. Something that would showcase that following through with the recommendations would lead to XYZ. The group agreed to add

examples from reports related to plastic reduction laws, their efficacy and their potential time frame.

Luke Bassis suggested creating a subgroup to dive deeper into technology-related recommendations. The subgroup will be tasked with exploring and taking a deeper dive into GSA tools and technologies and putting together recommendations based on what they have heard in the previous meetings. Stacy & Amlan initially volunteered for that subgroup. Nigel Stephens also volunteered to work in that subgroup. The group plans to introduce the creation of the technology subgroup in the May 4th meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The subcommittee opened the conversation to the public, there were no comments.

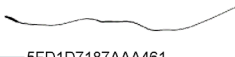
CLOSING REMARKS

Luke Bassis turned the meeting over to Boris Arratia.

ADJOURNMENT

Boris Arratia adjourned the meeting at 5:00 P.M. EST.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.

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Luke Bassis

Co-Chairperson
GAP FAC Policy & Practice Subcommittee

Former Chair, Steven Schooner was succeeded by Luke Bassis on September 28, 2023.