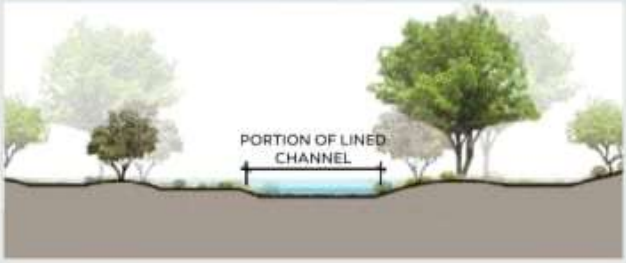
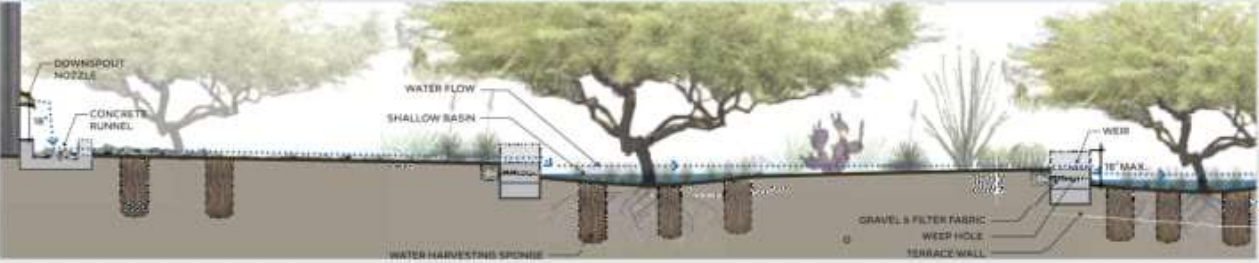
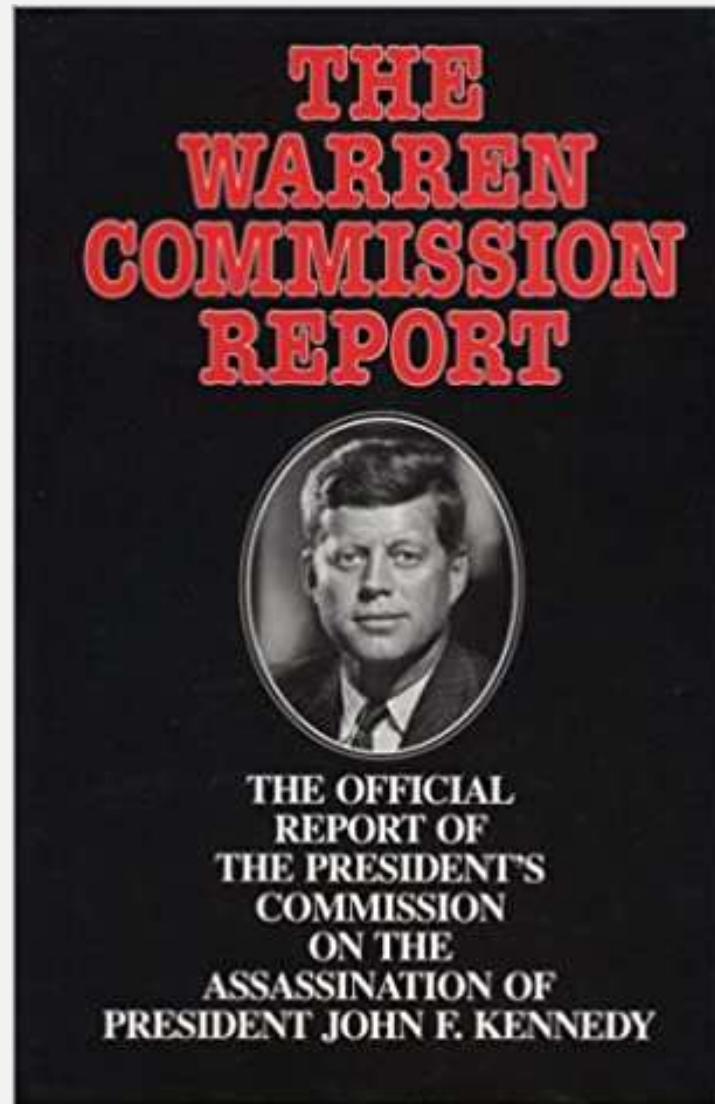


# Green Building Advisory Committee Meeting: Introductory Remarks



# Federal Advisory Committees: A Long American Tradition



# Your Statutory Mission

- Created by Energy Independence & Security Act of 2007 (EISA):
  - “The Committee shall provide advice and expertise for use by the Federal Director in carrying out the duties under this subtitle”
  - Advises GSA Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings on fulfillment of our mission:
    - **To advance federal building innovations in planning, design, and operations to reduce costs, enable agency missions, enhance human health and performance, and minimize environmental impacts.**

# FACA: The Guardrails

- Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA):
  - Membership limited to the specific individuals appointed by the GSA Administrator
  - Avoid conflicts of interest:
    - Avoid even appearance of impropriety
  - Maintain transparency & independence:
    - No “smoke-filled rooms”
    - All meetings open to public, announced in Federal Register
    - Committee materials posted at [gsa.gov/gbac](https://gsa.gov/gbac)

# Advisory Committee Members vs. Observers



The Administrator

May 27, 2020

Mr. Fernando Arias  
Director of Sustainability  
Clark Construction Group  
7500 Old Georgetown Road  
Bethesda, MD 20814

Dear Mr. Arias:

I am pleased to invite you to serve as a member of the U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA) Green Building Advisory Committee, for a term beginning May 22, 2020, and ending May 22, 2024. As a Representative Member of the Committee, you have been chosen to represent the construction industry, fulfilling our statutory mandate to include "building experts, including architects, material suppliers, and construction contractors" (EISA Section 494(b)(1)(B)(iii)).

The mission of the Committee is to provide advice to GSA to advance Federal building innovations in planning, design, and operations to reduce costs, enable agency missions, enhance human health and performance, and minimize environmental impacts. The Committee is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Please sign the enclosed Membership Acceptance Form and email a copy to Mr. Ken Sandler, the Committee's Designated Federal Officer, at [ken.sandler@gsa.gov](mailto:ken.sandler@gsa.gov) at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Sandler at (202) 280-9670 or [ken.sandler@gsa.gov](mailto:ken.sandler@gsa.gov).

I hope that you will accept this appointment so that GSA may benefit from your knowledge and perspective. Thank you for your consideration.

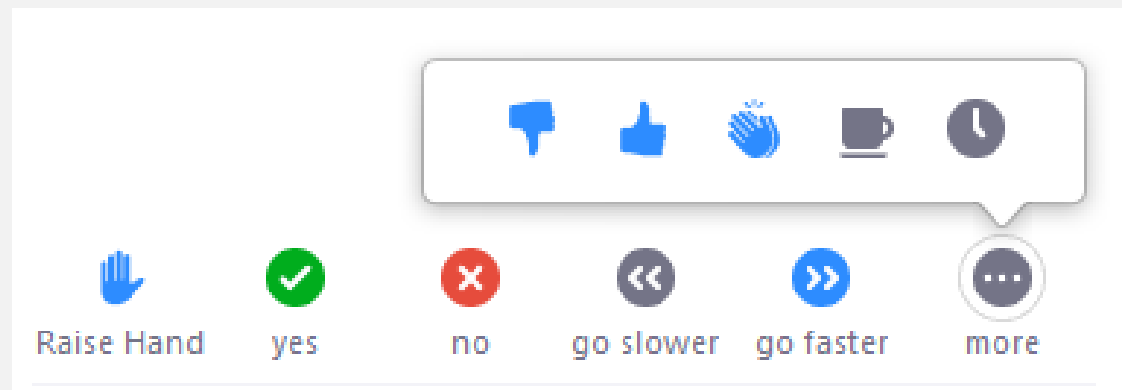
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emily W. Murphy".

Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator

# Ground Rules for Today's Web Meeting

- **Working meeting:** we aim to give every Committee member a chance to provide your input
  - Public comment period for observers @ 3:10 EDT
- Use “Raise hand” feature & we’ll call on you, in order
- We may use the “Yes” and “No” features for a vote – **Committee members only**
- Post minor, non-substantive comments in Chat
- Please stay engaged in the meeting – we have two breaks for multitasking
- Video mode requested
- Be concise



# Today's Agenda

**\*\*All times Eastern\*\***

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|----------------------------|---|
| <b>11:00 am - 11:45 am</b> | <b>Welcome, Updates, Plans for Today &amp; Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Ken Sandler, Designated Federal Officer, GSA Office of Federal High-Performance Buildings (OFHPB)</i></li><li>• <i>Kevin Kampschroer, Chief Sustainability Officer &amp; Federal Director, GSA OFHPB</i></li><li>• <i>Projjal Dutta, Committee Chair, New York State Metropolitan Transportation Authority</i></li><li>• <i>Intros by all Committee members</i></li></ul> |
| <b>11:45 am – 12:30 pm</b> | <b>Renewable Energy Outleasing: Task Group Presentation &amp; Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Projjal Dutta, NY MTA</i></li><li>• <i>Chris Castro, City of Orlando</i></li></ul>  |
| <b>12:30 pm – 12:40 pm</b> | <b>Break</b>  |
| <b>12:40 pm – 1:25 pm</b>  | <b>Embodied Energy: Task Group Presentation &amp; Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Victor Olgyay, Rocky Mountain Institute</i></li><li>• <i>Brendan Owens, U.S. Green Building Council</i></li></ul>   |
| <b>1:25 pm – 2:10 pm</b>   | <b>Break</b>  |
| <b>2:10 pm – 3:10 pm</b>   | <b>Exercise: Brainstorm Next Committee Topics to Explore</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Facilitator: Michael Bloom, GSA OFHPB</i></li></ul>   |
| <b>3:10 pm – 3:25 pm</b>   | <b>Public Comment Period</b>  |
| <b>3:25 pm – 3:30 pm</b>   | <b>Closing Comments &amp; Adjournment</b>   |

# Committee Member Introductions

- Limit to 1-2 minutes
- New members first
- Please tell us:
  - Who you are, your background
  - Your expertise & interests related to sustainable buildings
  - Your main interest(s) in being on this Committee

