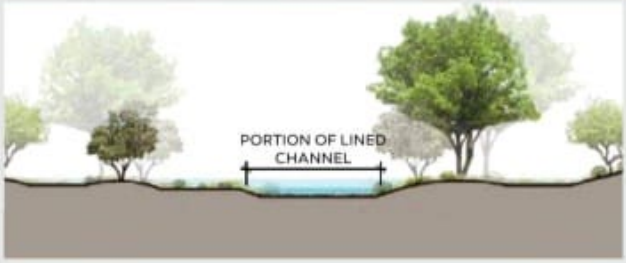
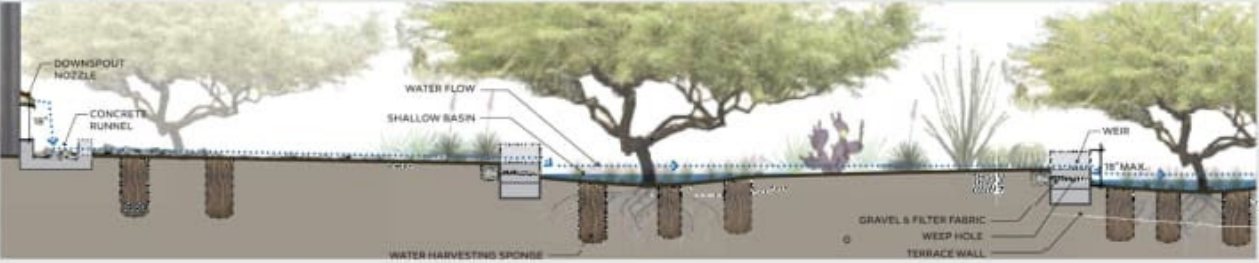


# Green Building Advisory Committee Meeting: Introductory Remarks



# Federal Advisory Committees: A Long American Tradition



1794 Whiskey Rebellion:  
Topic of first Federal Advisory Committee

# The Committee's 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 and Observers



The Administrator

April 5, 2022

Mr. Scott Whiteford  
Director, Office of Asset Management  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Director Whiteford:

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 on April 5, 2022, and ending on April 4, 2024. As a Regular Government Employee member of the Committee, you will be asked to provide the Committee with your best independent judgment based on your experience at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), consistent with DOE policy.

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 digitally sign the attached Membership Acceptance Form and email a copy to Mr. Bryan Steverson at [bryan.steverson@gsa.gov](mailto:bryan.steverson@gsa.gov) at your earliest convenience. This position is subject to the ethics and conflict of interest requirements about which GSA's Office of General Counsel will brief you.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Steverson at (202) 501-6115 or [bryan.steverson@gsa.gov](mailto:bryan.steverson@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,

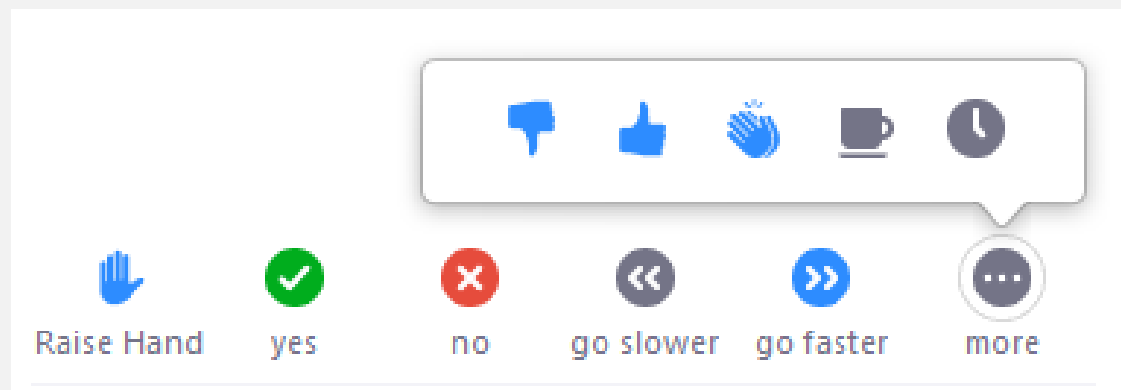
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# Ground Rules for Today's Web Meeting

- **Working meeting:** we aim to give every Committee member a chance to provide your input
  - Public comment period for observers @ 2:30 pm Eastern
- 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**
- Please stay engaged in the meeting – we have two breaks for multitasking
- Video mode requested when possible
- Be concise



# Today's Agenda, Part I

**\*\*All Times Eastern**

**11:00 am – 11:30 am Introductions**

**•Welcome to the Meeting**

- *Kevin Kampschroer, Chief Sustainability Officer and Director, GSA Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings (OFHPGB)*
- *Krystal Brumfield, Associate Administrator, GSA Office of Government-wide Policy*
- *Ken Sandler, GSA, OFHPGB, Designated Federal Officer*

**•Round Robin Introductions of Committee Members**

- *Committee members briefly introduce themselves: name, organization, top federal green building interests and hopes*

**11:30 am – 12:30 pm Updates: Executive Order 14057, Inflation Reduction Act and Other GSA Priorities, Green Leasing**

- *Nic Baker, Senior Sustainability Officer, Office of the Federal Chief Sustainability Officer, Council on Environmental Quality*
- *Smita Gupta, Director for Federal Facility Decarbonization, Office of the Federal Chief Sustainability Officer, Council on Environmental Quality*
- *Jetta Wong, Senior Advisor for Climate to the GSA Administrator*
- *Ken Schelbert and Alexandra Kosmides, GSA Public Buildings Service, Office of Leasing*

**12:30 pm - 12:45 pm Advisory Vote on New Committee Chair**

**12:45 pm – 1:30 pm Break**

# Today's Agenda, Part II

**\*\*All Times Eastern**

**1:30 pm – 2:30 pm      Federal Building Decarbonization: Proposed Advice Letter and Update**

*•Task Group Co-Chairs Clay Nesler, The Nesler Group and Kent Peterson, P2S Engineering*

**2:30 pm – 2:45 pm      Public Comment Period**

**2:45 pm – 3:00 pm      Break**

**3:00 pm – 3:55 pm      New Committee Topics & Directions**

*•Committee members brainstorm & discuss potential new issues to pursue*

**3:55 pm – 4:00 pm      Closing Comments**



# Committee Member Introductions

- 1 minute apiece, please
- New members first
- Please tell us:
  - Name and organization
  - Your top federal green building interests and hopes



# New Committee Topics and Directions

# GBAC Topics – Next Steps

- Federal Building Decarbonization Task Group, Phase III will start in December with a focus on electrification
- We hope to be able to support additional GBAC work (assuming staff/resource capability)
- Task Groups have worked great, but not the only model:
  - Also workshops, town hall meetings, etc.

# GBAC Topics – Suggested Criteria

- What, if any, is the market failure that needs to be addressed?
- Is the proposed solution likely to have a substantial impact?
- Is this a problem appropriate for the Federal government to attempt to solve?
- Are the benefits of such a proposal likely to outweigh its costs over a reasonable time horizon?
  
- Plus: level of interest, timing, scope