

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress

Meeting #70

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

10:00–10:04 AM

Webex Virtual Meeting

Members of the Committee present:

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives (Committee Chair)

Jackie Barber, Secretary, U.S. Senate (Committee Co-chair)

Matthew Wasniewski, Historian, U.S. House of Representatives

Ben Francis-Fallon, Associate Historian, U.S. House of Representatives

Kate Scott, Historian, U.S. Senate

George Apodaca, Archivist, U.S. Senate

Denise Hibay, Director for Collections and Research at the New York Public Library

Others present for all or a portion of the meeting were:

Tonia Awoniyi, Counsel, Clerk of the House, U.S. House of Representatives

Heather Bourk, Archivist, U.S. House of Representatives

Tremayne Bunaugh, Counsel, Secretary of the Senate, U.S. Senate

Jay Trainer, Chief Operating Officer, National Archives and Records Administration

James Wyatt, Director, Center for Legislative Archives, National Archives and Records Administration

Kevin McCumber: This meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress will now come to order. Good morning, everyone, and welcome to the 70th meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. I appreciate everyone finding time in their schedules for today's meeting.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to members of the Advisory Committee and thank you for your continued engagement and interest in preserving congressional records. Welcome and good morning to the co-chair of the Advisory Committee, Secretary of the Senate Jackie Barber. Jackie and I are equally committed to preserving congressional records in recognition of

their value in documenting Congress and the history of representative government. I look forward to our continued collaboration on managing the records of Congress and other shared House and Senate projects.

Good morning and welcome to Jay Trainer, Chief Operating Officer for the National Archives and Records Administration, who is representing the Acting Archivist of the United States at today's meeting. I'm pleased you're able to join us this morning, Jay.

Along with our colleagues in the Senate, we continue our efforts to restructure the Advisory Committee and remain focused on working with House and Senate leadership to move forward with proposed legislation to sunset it. We likewise remain committed to exploring new ways to collaborate and align our work to preserve and provide access to these unique records. I'm always proud of our collective work to document history, but it feels particularly meaningful as we approach the nation's 250th birthday.

Before I turn things over to the Secretary, I'd like to acknowledge and thank the staff at the Senate, House, and Center for Legislative Archives for the work that they do to collect, preserve, and provide access to congressional records. Thank you for your expertise and dedication to congressional records and American history.

I now yield to the distinguished Secretary of the Senate and Advisory Committee co-chair, Jackie Barber. Jackie?

Jackie Barber: Thank you, Kevin. We do share a commitment to preserving congressional records for future generations, and I very much appreciate our partnership and collaboration during the 119th Congress. Obviously, we will continue to work with Senate and House leadership to restructure the Advisory Committee to better support the needs of our institutions for the 21st century.

I would also like to take a moment to recognize the archival experts in the House and the Senate and the Center for Legislative Archives. The guidance and support that they provide to congressional staff helps ensure both the preservation of and the access to these very historically significant documents. I would also like to extend my thanks to the staff at the Office of History, Art and Archives at the House of Representatives for planning and hosting today's meeting. Thank you.

Kevin McCumber: Thanks, Jackie. The next order of business on the agenda is approval of the minutes from our December 11th, 2025, meeting. Do I hear a motion and a second for their approval?

Jackie Barber: So moved.

Kate Scott: I second.

Matthew Wasniewski: Second.

Kevin McCumber: Thank you, both. The minutes are approved. I will now call for a motion to adjourn.

Matthew Wasniewski: So moved.

Kevin McCumber: Is there a second?

Jackie Barber: I second.

Kevin McCumber: The meeting is adjourned. I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting of the Advisory Committee for 2026. Thank you everyone and have a great rest of your day.