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Welcome and Updates

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Oral public comments will be heard before the Committee adjourns



Minutes & transcript will be posted on the OGIS website



The meeting is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. ET



Designated Federal Officer updates

- Member representation on Committee
- Voting reminders
- 2026–2028 term update



Volume & Frequency Subcommittee Report

Nieva Brock and Nick Wittenberg, Co-Chairs

David Cuillier
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Proposed Recommendation VF-1

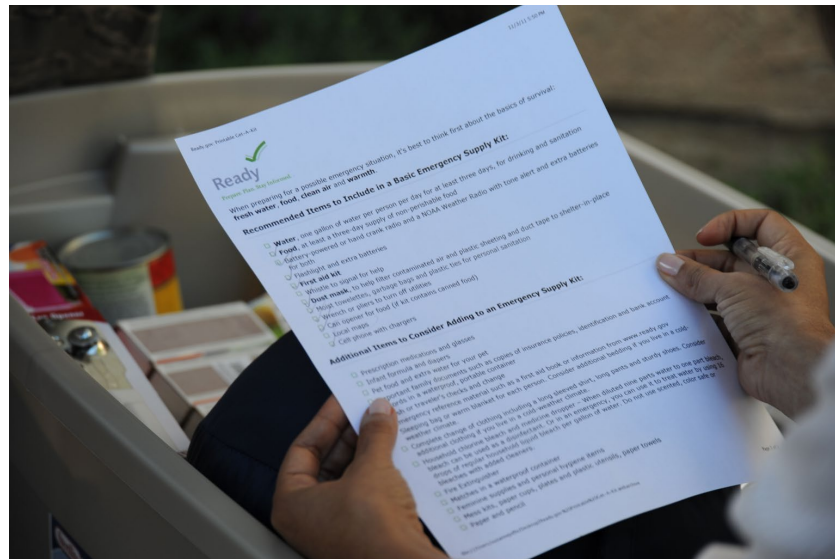
Federal agencies should align standard staffing levels and technological resources to meet the increasing levels of FOIA requests by analyzing existing backlogs, the volume and complexity of requests, and the workload assigned to employees. Specifically, agencies should consider the total work that includes requests and backlog and the capacity for employees to respond to these requests.



Implementation Subcommittee Report

Jason R. Baron and
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Proposed Recommendation I-1

To increase collaboration and connection among federal agency FOIA professionals, the Chief FOIA Officers Council's Committee on Cross-Agency Collaboration and Innovation's (COCACI) Resources Working Group, assisted by the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) and the Office of Information Policy (OIP), as appropriate, should establish a process for creating and maintaining small, self-governing cohorts of federal FOIA professionals interested in collaboration, support, and sharing of best practices.



Proposed Recommendation I-2

In an effort to increase the awareness and adoption of FOIA Advisory Committee recommendations, the Department of Justice's Office of Information Policy should require status reporting from agencies on implementation of recommendations, either through questions in annual Chief FOIA Officer Reports or through another appropriate publicly available reporting mechanism.



Proposed Recommendation I-3

To make recommendations more useful to agency FOIA professionals, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) should create a resource for agency use presenting FOIA Advisory Committee recommendations in an easy-to-access manner, enabling FOIA professionals to quickly identify actionable improvements to their FOIA programs.



Statutory Reform Subcommittee Report



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Ryan Mulvey and Whitney Frazier-Jenkins, Co-Chairs

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Proposed Recommendation SR-4

We recommend that Congress create a new “FOIA Court” with specialized jurisdiction over FOIA claims.



Proposed Recommendation SR-5

Congress should amend FOIA's judicial-review provision in three ways:

1. To reaffirm the statute's *de novo* standard;
2. To specify the remedial authority of the courts, including the power to order an agency to comply with its affirmative-disclosure obligations, provided that a requester has exhausted administrative remedies prior to filing suit; and
3. To reinforce that, for purposes of FOIA claims, a complainant's injury-in-fact stems from an agency's failure to comply with the statute.



Proposed Recommendation SR-6

Congress should allocate funding to commission a feasibility study to examine the costs and benefits of improving the FOIA support infrastructure to better serve taxpayers, records requesters and public agencies.



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Public Comments

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Mark your calendars!

The final meeting of the
2024-2026 term is scheduled for
Thursday, July 16, 2026



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