

**PRESIDENT’S NATIONAL SECURITY
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CHARTER**

1. Committee’s Official Designation:

President’s National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC)

2. Authority:

The NSTAC is established under the authority of Executive Order (EO) 12382, dated September 13, 1982, as amended by EO 13286, continued and amended under the authority of EO 14048, dated September 30, 2021. NSTAC operates under the provisions of the *Federal Advisory Committee Act* (FACA), Title 5, United States Code, Appendix.

3. Objectives and Scope of Activities:

- A. The NSTAC shall provide to the President of the United States, through the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary), information and advice from the perspective of relevant cybersecurity, information and communications technology (ICT), and telecommunications industries on information assurance, cybersecurity, and the ICT ecosystem with respect to national security and emergency preparedness (NS/EP) concerns.
- B. Additionally, the Committee shall provide information and advice to the President, through the Secretary, regarding the feasibility of implementing specific measures to improve the United States’ digital and communications infrastructure resiliency and security.
- C. The NSTAC will address matters pertaining to NS/EP telecommunications and ICT services (e.g., emerging technologies, broadband, public safety, communications infrastructure security and resilience, cybersecurity). The Committee shall provide technical information, advice, and recommendations as it relates to NS/EP policy issues concerning cybersecurity, ICT, and telecommunications matters. Matters for NSTAC study shall be determined and approved by the Executive Office of the President in coordination with the Department of Homeland Security.
- D. The committee shall periodically report on matters in this section to the President through the Secretary.

4. Description of Duties:

The duties of the NSTAC are solely advisory in nature.

5. Officials to Whom the Committee Reports:

The NSTAC will report to the President, through the Secretary. Additionally, as directed by the Secretary, CISA will be responsible for fulfilling the reporting requirements of section 6(b) of FACA.

6. Agency Responsible for Providing Necessary Support:

The Secretary has delegated authority to the CISA Director. CISA shall be responsible for providing financial and administrative support to the NSTAC. Funding for the NSTAC and committee support shall be approved by the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) before activities begin.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years:

The estimated annual cost of operating the NSTAC and its subcommittees is \$1,500,000, which includes travel and per diem, and other administrative expenses, and five staff years of support. Members of the NSTAC will serve on the committee without compensation. However, to the extent permitted by law, members shall be entitled to travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence.

8. Designated Federal Officer:

The CISA Director shall appoint a full-time or permanent part-time employee as the DFO and Alternate DFOs (ADFO). The DFO or ADFO sets meeting agendas and work activities, attends all committee and subcommittee meetings, adjourns any meetings when it is determined adjournment to be in the public interest, and chairs the meeting, at the direction of the CISA Director, in the absence of the designated NSTAC Chair and Vice Chair.

9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:

NSTAC meetings may be held with the approval of the DFO or ADFO. The committee is expected to meet at a minimum of once per year. NSTAC meetings shall be open to the public unless a determination is made by the appropriate DHS official in accordance with DHS policy and directives that the meeting should be closed in accordance with Title 5, United States Code, subsection (c) of 552b.

10. Duration:

The NSTAC is continuing except as noted in Section 11.

11. Termination:

According to Section 1 of EO 14048 dated September 30, 2021, the NSTAC shall terminate on September 30, 2023, unless extended by the President.

12. Membership and Designation:

The NSTAC will be composed of no more than 30 members who are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the President. These members shall have particular knowledge and expertise in the fields of cybersecurity and of ICT and shall represent various elements of the Nation's telecommunications industry. Members shall serve as representatives to speak on behalf of their respective organizations.

In order for the President to fully leverage broad-ranging experience and education, the NSTAC must be diverse, with regard to professional and technical expertise, and in reflecting the diversity of the nation's people.

The President shall designate a Chair and Vice Chair from among the members of the NSTAC, each for a term of up to two years. The NSTAC Chair shall preside at all NSTAC meetings (unless chaired by the Vice Chair or DFO). In the Chair's absence, the Vice Chair will act as Chair.

13. Subcommittees:

With the approval of the DFO, the NSTAC may establish subcommittees, as required, for any purpose consistent with this charter. Such subcommittees may not work independently of the chartered committee and must report their recommendations and advice to NSTAC for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees have no authority to make decisions or to arrive at a consensus for/on behalf of NSTAC and may not report or provide advice or recommendations directly to the Federal Government or any entity other than NSTAC.

14. Recordkeeping:

The records of the NSTAC, formally and informally established subcommittees or other subgroups of the committee, shall be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 6.2 or other approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act* (Title 5, United States Code, section 552).

15. Filing Date:

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