

# Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) Membership Balance Plan

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(1) **FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAME:** :

**U.S. Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee (MTSNAC)**

(2) **Authority:**

- a. **The Committee is constituted pursuant to section 55603 of Title 46, and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. § 2.**
- b. **The Secretary of Transportation delegated to the Maritime Administrator authority under 49 CFR § 1.93(a).**

(3) **Mission/Function:**

**The committee provides information, advice, and recommendations to the Maritime Administrator on matters relating to the marine transportation system.**

(4) **Points of View:**

**The committee will have at least 25 voting members who reflect various perspectives of the marine transportation system. The primary areas of marine transportation system represented by MTSNAC include: (1) industry, such as ports, terminal operators, shipyards, freight forwarders, beneficial cargo owners, etc.; (2) regional representation across the Nation; (3) relevant policy areas such as supply chain, goods movement, infrastructure financing; and, (4) customers, stakeholders, and providers. Members may be selected to serve as Representatives or Special Government Employees (SGEs). Determinations to appoint individuals as SGEs or Representatives will be based on whether or not the individual would be appointed solely for his or her expertise.**

**(1) Other balance Factors**

**Members are appointed to a 2-year term and, to the extent practicable, we will seek to ensure balance by appointing individuals who represent labor, academic or research institutions, other Federal, State, and Local government agencies.**

**(2) Candidate Identification Process:**

**The Maritime Administrator will identify individuals with various kinds of expertise, experience, and perspectives on the marine transportation system. Potential members of the Committee are reviewed by the staff of the Offices of the Intermodal System Development and the Office of Chief Counsel. The candidate's biographical information is assessed with regard to the criteria noted in paragraphs 4 and 5 above. The staff recommendations are forwarded to the Administrator for selection. Each applicant's information is retained in case an unexpected vacancy should arise.**

**(3) SUBCOMMITTEE BALANCE:**

**Once subcommittees are formed, the Maritime Administration's Office of Intermodal System Development will apply the criteria appropriate to the responsibilities of each subcommittee.**

**(4) Other:**

**N/A**

**(5) Date prepared/updated:**

**TBD**