

Charter of the Aircraft Noise Advisory Committee
U.S. Department of Transportation

- 1. Advisory Committee's Official Designation.** Aircraft Noise Advisory Committee (ANAC).
- 2. Authority.** The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) established the committee pursuant to section 792, "Aircraft Noise Advisory Committee," of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act of 2024 (Public Law 118-63). The committee will operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. Ch. 10).
- 3. Objective and Scope of Activities.** The ANAC will provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary through the Administrator on issues facing the aviation community related to aircraft noise exposure and existing FAA noise policies and regulations. The ANAC will only undertake tasks assigned to it by the Secretary, the Administrator, or his or her designee.
- 4. Description of Duties.**
 - a. The duties of the ANAC will include:
 - 1) the evaluation of existing research on aircraft noise impacts and annoyance;
 - 2) the assessment of alternative noise metrics that could be used to supplement, modify, or replace the existing Day Night Level standard, in consultation with the National Academies;
 - 3) the evaluation of the current 65-decibel exposure threshold, including the impact to land use compatibility around airports if such threshold was lowered;
 - 4) the evaluation of current noise mitigation strategies and the community engagement efforts by the FAA with respect to changes in airspace utilization, such as the integration of new entrants and usage of performance-based navigation; and
 - 5) other duties determined appropriate by the Administrator.
 - b. Not later than 1 year after the date of establishment of the ANAC, the Committee will submit to the Administrator a report on any recommended changes to current aviation noise policies.
- 5. Agency or Federal Officer Receiving the Advisory Committee's Advice/Recommendations.** The committee will report to the Secretary through the FAA Administrator.
- 6. Support.** FAA Office of Environment and Energy will provide support services for ANAC, including maintaining committee records.
- 7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years.** The estimated annual operating costs (including contractor support and *pro rata* share of salaries, benefits, and travel costs of

Department of Transportation (DOT) employees) is \$776,500. ANAC will require the support of approximately 1.1 full-time equivalent employees per year.

8. Designated Federal Officer (DFO).

- a. The Deputy Director of the Office of Environment and Energy, a full-time permanent employee appointed in accordance with agency procedures, will serve as the committee's DFO.
- b. The DFO (or Designee) will:
 - 1) Ensure compliance with FACA and any other applicable laws and regulations;
 - 2) Approve or call all meetings of the ANAC and subcommittees, as applicable, and determine where they are to be held;
 - 3) Formulate and approve the agenda for each ANAC meeting, in consultation with the Chairperson;
 - 4) Attend all advisory committee and subcommittee meetings for their duration;
 - 5) Fulfill the requirements under section 10(b) of FACA;
 - 6) Notify all ANAC members of the time, place, and agenda for meetings;
 - 7) Chair meetings when directed to do so by the FAA Administrator;
 - 8) Maintain information on advisory committee activities and provide such information to the public, as applicable;
 - 9) Adjourn any ANAC meetings when doing so would be in the public interest; and
 - 10) Ensure advisory committee members and subcommittee members, as applicable, receive the appropriate training for efficient operation and compliance with FACA.

9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings. The ANAC will meet at least two times a year to manage administrative issues and address FAA-assigned tasks. Each meeting of the ANAC will be open to the public, except as provided under Section 10(d) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, as implemented by 41 CFR part 102-3. Subpart D.

10. Duration. This duration of the advisory committee is continuing, subject to the Termination section below.

11. Termination. Unless renewed in accordance with FACA and other applicable requirement, this charter terminates 2 years after its effective date.

12. Membership and Designation.

- a. The ANAC shall be comprised of members appointed by the FAA Administrator.
- b. The ANAC will consist of no more than 24 members. As prescribed in Section 792 in Pub. L. 118-63, members shall be comprised of:
 - 1) At least 1 representative of each of:

- a) Engine Manufacturers;
 - b) Air Carriers;
 - c) Airport Owners or Operators;
 - d) Aircraft Manufacturers;
 - e) Advanced Air Mobility Manufacturers or Operators;
 - f) Institutions of higher education; and
- 2) Representatives of airport-adjacent communities from geographically diverse regions.
- c. Member representatives are appointed for a 2-year term but may continue to serve until their replacement is chosen. Members may be reappointed. There are no other term limits for committee members. All members serve at the discretion of the Secretary. Members appointed solely for their expertise serve as Special Government Employees; those serving on behalf of specific interests will serve as representatives.
 - d. Membership selection will be based on materials submitted and in a manner that ensures equal opportunity for all people consistent with all federal anti-discrimination laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or age. Membership solicitation will be undertaken in a manner that encourages participation by members of underrepresented and underserved communities in accordance with Executive Order 13985.
 - e. Members of the ANAC serve without compensation.
- 13. Subcommittees.** The FAA, in consultation with the ANAC, may create subcommittees to work on tasks assigned by the FAA. Subcommittees must not work independently of the ANAC. They must submit their work product to the ANAC (rather than directly to the FAA). The ANAC will deliberate, discuss, and vote on whether to submit a recommendation report to the FAA.
- 14. Recordkeeping.** The records of the ANAC are handled in accordance with National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) General Records Schedule 6.2. Subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, the records, reports, transcripts, minutes, and other documents that are made available to, or prepared for or by the ANAC, will be available for public inspection and copying at the Office of Environment and Energy (AEE), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC, 20591. The FAA will charge a fee for information furnished to the public in accordance with the fee schedule published in 49 CFR part 7. ANAC records are also located on FAA's committee public website.
- 15. Filing Date.** This charter is effective January 14, 2025, which is the filing date of this Charter.