



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2023-0042]

Faith-Based Security Advisory Council

AGENCY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), The Office of Partnership and Engagement (OPE).

ACTION: Notice of open Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Faith-Based Security Advisory Council (FBSAC) will hold a hybrid meeting on Wednesday, November 29, 2023. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will take place from 3:00 PM ET to 4:00 PM ET on Wednesday, November 29, 2023. Please note that the meeting may end early if the Council has completed its business.

ADDRESSES: The FBSAC meeting will be held via Zoom for Government and in-person at DHS Headquarters. Members of the public interested in participating may do so by following the process outlined below (see "Public Participation"). At all other times during the meeting, the public will be in listen-only mode. Written comments can be submitted from November 15, 2023, to November 28, 2023. Comments must be identified by Docket No. DHS-2023-0042 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- **E-mail:** FBSAC@hq.dhs.gov. Include Docket No. DHS-2023-0042 in the subject line of the message.
- **Mail:** Sameer Hossain, Designated Federal Officer of Faith-Based Security Advisory Council, Office of Partnership and Engagement, Mailstop 0385, Department of Homeland Security, 2707 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE, Washington, DC 20528.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and "DHS-2023-0042," the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may wish to review the Privacy and Security Notice found via a link on the homepage of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to the docket to read comments received by the Council, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, search "DHS-2022-0055," "Open Docket Folder" and provide your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sameer Hossain, Designated Federal Officer, Faith-Based Security Advisory Council, Office of Partnership and Engagement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security at FBSAC@hq.dhs.gov or 202-891-2876.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under section 10(a) of the **Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)**, Pub. L. 92-463 (5 U.S.C. appendix), which requires

each FACA committee meeting to be open to the public unless the President, or the head of the agency to which the advisory committee reports, determines that a portion of the meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c).

The FBSAC provides organizationally independent, strategic, timely, specific, and actionable advice to the Secretary through the OPE Assistant Secretary, who serves as the DHS Faith-Based Organizations Security Coordinator on security and preparedness matters related to places of worship, faith communities, and faith-based organizations. The Council consists of members who are: faith-based organization security officials; faith-based organization leaders; faith leaders; state and local public safety, law enforcement, and emergency management leaders; and a representative from the Department of Justice or Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows: DHS senior leadership and FBSAC Chair and Vice Chair will provide opening remarks. Taskings will be assigned to the Council, followed by a moderated discussion. The Designated Federal Officer will provide an update on the implementation of recommendations from the June 6, 2023, FBSAC meeting. A brief discussion of the state of current affairs in the Middle East will take place. The meeting will adjourn at 4:00 P.M. ET.

Members of the public may register to participate in this Council teleconference via the following procedures. Each individual must provide their full legal name and email address no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, to Sameer Hossain of the Council via email to FBSAC@hq.dhs.gov or via phone at 202-891-2876. Members of the public who have registered to participate will be provided the conference call details after the closing of the public registration period and prior to the start of the meeting.

For information on services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance, please email FBSAC@hq.dhs.gov by 5:00 p.m. ET on Friday, November 25, 2023. The FBSAC is committed to ensuring all participants have equal access regardless of disability status. If you require a reasonable accommodation due to a disability to fully participate, please contact Sameer Hossain at FBSAC@hq.dhs.gov or 202-891-2876 as soon as possible.

Dated: November 8, 2023.

Sameer Hossain,

Designated Federal Officer, Faith-Based Security Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.