



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Bessie Coleman Women in Aviation (BCWA) Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice; solicitation of nominations for membership.

SUMMARY: DOT solicits nominations for membership to serve on the Bessie Coleman Women in Aviation (BCWA) Advisory Committee, which is intended to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation through the FAA Administrator to promote the recruitment, retention, employment, education, training, career advancement, and well-being of women in aviation professions and aviation-focused Federal civil service positions.

DATES: The deadline for nominations for Committee members must be received on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Email all nomination materials to BCWAAC@faa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas W. Cuddy, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20591, telephone (202) 267-5869; email to BCWAAC@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The BCWA Advisory Committee was established by the Secretary on November 15, 2024, in accordance with section 403 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024, Public Law 118-63, and it is operated in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 United States Code (U.S.C.) ch. 10. The purpose of the BCWA Advisory Committee is to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of

Transportation through FAA and in response to specific taskings received directly from DOT or FAA or approved by a majority of the voting members of the Committee. In response to DOT or FAA requests, the BCWA Advisory Committee may provide DOT and FAA with information that may be used for planning purposes.

The BCWA Advisory Committee will act solely in an advisory capacity and does not exercise program management responsibilities. Decisions directly affecting the implementation of transportation policy will remain with the Secretary of Transportation and the FAA Administrator, as appropriate. The BCWA Advisory Committee duties include:

- a. Undertaking tasks assigned only by DOT or FAA or approved by a majority of the voting members of the Committee, without duplicating the objectives of the Air Carrier Training Aviation Rulemaking Committee.

- b. Responding to ad hoc informational requests from DOT or FAA and/or providing input to DOT or FAA on the overall BCWA Advisory Committee structure (including structure of the subcommittees and or task groups).

- c. Make recommendations for strategic objectives, priorities, and policies that would improve the recruitment, retention, training, and career advancement of women in aviation professions.

- d. Evaluate opportunities for the Administration to improve the recruitment and retention of women in the Administration.

The Committee will be continuing but is subject to renewal every 2 years. The Committee is expected to meet at least twice per year to carry out its responsibilities. Unless otherwise required by law or approved by the Secretary, all meetings will be held virtually. BCWA Advisory Committee meetings will be open to the public, except as provided under section 10(d) of FACA, as implemented by 41 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) part 102-3.

In this notice, DOT is soliciting nominations for membership to the Committee. The Committee shall report to the Secretary of Transportation through the FAA Administrator and shall comprise approximately 25 voting members, representing:

- (i) Aircraft manufacturers and aerospace companies.
- (ii) Public and private aviation labor organizations, including collective bargaining representatives of—
 - (I) aviation safety inspectors and safety engineers of FAA;
 - (II) air traffic controllers;
 - (III) certified aircraft maintenance technicians; and
 - (IV) commercial airline crewmembers.
- (iii) General aviation operators.
- (iv) Air carriers.
- (v) Business aviation operators, including powered-lift operators.
- (vi) Unmanned aircraft systems operators.
- (vii) Aviation safety management experts.
- (viii) Aviation maintenance, repair, and overhaul entities.
- (ix) Airport owners, operators, and employees.
- (x) Institutions of higher education (as defined in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)), a postsecondary vocational institution (as defined in section 102(c) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)), or a high school or secondary school (as such terms are defined in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)).
- (xi) A flight school that provides flight training, as defined in part 61 of title 14, CFR, or that holds a pilot school certificate under part 141 of title 14, CFR.
- (xii) Aviation maintenance technician schools governed under part 147 of title 14, CFR.

(xiii) Engineering business associations.

(xiv) Civil Air Patrol.

(xv) Nonprofit organizations within the aviation industry.

Additional nonvoting members may be appointed from among officers or employees of FAA, as well as from the Department of Education and Department of Labor.

The Chairperson shall serve a 2-year term. Each voting and nonvoting member of the Committee shall be appointed for a 2-year term and may continue to serve until their replacement is chosen or they are reappointed. The Department is interested in ensuring membership is balanced fairly in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed by the advisory committee.

Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations: Qualified individuals can self-nominate or be nominated by any individual or organization. To be considered for the BCWA Advisory Committee, nominators should submit the following information:

- (1) Name, title, and relevant contact information (including phone and email address) of the individual requesting consideration;
- (2) A letter of support from a company, union, trade association, academic, or nonprofit organization on letterhead containing a brief description of why the nominee should be considered for membership;
- (3) Short biography of nominee, including professional and academic credentials;
- (4) An affirmative statement that the nominee meets all Committee eligibility requirements and identifies which stakeholder group they would represent.

Please do not send company, trade association, or organization brochures or any other information. Materials submitted should total two pages or fewer. Should more information be needed, DOT staff will contact the nominee, obtain information from the

nominee's past affiliations, or obtain information from publicly available sources, such as the Internet.

Nominations must be received before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. Nominees selected for appointment to the Committee will be notified by return email and by a letter of appointment.

Issued in Washington, DC.

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