



AGENDA – June 27, 2023

Advisory Committee on Minority Farmers (ACMF)

Location: Westin Savannah Harbor, Savannah, GA

9:00 a.m.	Call to Order Review Procedures	R. J. Cabrera Designated Federal Officer (DFO)
9:05 a.m.	Member Introductions	William Miller, Chairperson
9:30 a.m.	Committee Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations guide • ACMF Nominations 	DFO
9:45 a.m.	Breakout Sessions I	Committee Members
10:45 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSA County Committees • Heirs’ property challenges 	Committee Members
11:45 a.m.	Public Comments	Harbor Ballroom
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions II	Committee Members
2:00 p.m.	FSA Discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documenting FSA Office visits • Consistent FSA practices/procedures across country 	Committee Members
3:00 p.m.	Deliberations and Consensus	Committee Members
4:30 p.m.	Public Comments	Harbor Ballroom
4:45 p.m.	Closing comments and adjourn	Chairperson



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9:00 a.m.	Call to Order	R. J. Cabrera, DFO
9:05 a.m.	Review Day 1; Expectations Day 2	William Miller, Chairperson R. J. Cabrera, DFO
9:30 a.m.	National Appeals Division – Update Office of Hearings & Appeals	Tezra O. Woody Regional Director, Southern Region
10:00 a.m.	Rural Development <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sec. 504 Housing• Health Care Infrastructure• School to Farming - Initiatives	Committee Members
10:45 a.m.	Breakout Sessions I	Committee Members
11:30 a.m.	Public Comments	Harbor Ballroom
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barriers to participation in RD programs (e.g., income thresholds and other requirements)• Barrier analyses for other agencies• Pioneer initiative for application to all programs (baseline information)	Committee Members
2:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions II	Committee Members
3:00 p.m.	Deliberations and Consensus (Drafting)	Committee Members
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9:00 a.m.	Call to Order	R. J. Cabrera, DFO
9:05 a.m.	Review Day 2; Expectations Day 3	William Miller, Chairperson
9:30 a.m.	Department (All Agencies) Enhance Outreach and Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2501 – expand to reach more; more “boots on the ground” • Targeted Technical Assistance Training • Agency outreach – assess efficacy and reach; late rollouts (e.g., IRA) • Language access expansion – Why? How (written/other)? Which? Comprehension? 	Committee Members
10:30 a.m.	Breakout Sessions I	Committee Members
11:30 a.m.	Public Comments	Harbor Ballroom
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00 p.m.	Department – All Agencies (con’t.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced support for 1890 institutions • Expand participation in Climate Smart Initiatives • Examine systemic (institutional) barriers (e.g., challenges for NextGen farming) 	Committee Members
2:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions II	Committee Members
3:00 p.m.	Deliberations and Consensus (Drafting)	Committee Members
4:30 p.m.	Public Comments	Harbor Ballroom
5:00 p.m.	Closing comments and adjourn.	Chairperson



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