

Charter -- Resilient Puerto Rico Advisory Commission

(a) **Establishment.** The Resilient Puerto Rico Advisory Commission was established in November 2017 for the purpose of supporting the recovery and rebuilding of Puerto Rico from Hurricane Maria and other disasters.

(b) **Membership.** The Commission shall be co-chaired by the following individuals, selected based on their leadership roles in leading academic, non-governmental, civic, and private sector organizations in Puerto Rico:

- Ana Maria Garcia-Blanco
- Carmen M. Concepción Rodríguez
- Federico Stubbe Sr.
- Miguel Soto-Class
- Richard L. Carrión

In addition, its members shall include approximately 20 additional leaders and experts in and on Puerto Rico, acting as Commissioners. Commissioners will be appointed by the Co-Chairs of the Commission.

(c) **Representation.** Commissioners, including Commission Co-Chairs, shall only represent themselves and not any organizations and institutions with which they are affiliated. Commissioners should exercise discretion regarding public statements on on-going works. Commissioners are encouraged to refer all public comment requests to the Commission's communications team.

(d) **Independent Recommendations.** The Commission is independent, non-partisan, non-governmental, and receives no public funding.

(e) **Support.** The Commission will be supported by an executive secretariat and a technical consultant as well as technical experts from the funding organizations.

(f) **Mission and Function.** In March 2018, the Commission shall provide public recommendations:

- To advise and inform the use of public and philanthropic funds for the recovery and reconstruction of Puerto Rico and its systems related to physical and natural infrastructure, energy, health, education, economic development, and housing in a manner that is resilient, i.e., able to survive, adapt, and grow regardless of chronic stresses and acute shocks they experience.

(g) **Co-Chair Roles and Responsibilities:** The Co-Chairs shall have the following roles and responsibilities:

- Co-Chairs will constitute the Commission;
- Lead at least three high-level commission meetings to discuss and evaluate progress of final recommendations;
- Provide strategic guidance to the workings of the Commission and the executive secretariat;

- Publicly represent the Commission as and when needed;
- Evaluate and provide recommendations on preliminary reports from Working Groups and draft versions of the final report of the Commission;
- Endorse and approve the recommendations in the final report of the Commission.

(h) **Commissioner Roles and Responsibilities:** Each Commissioner shall have the following roles and responsibilities:

- Act as an ambassador for the Commission when opportunities arise, exercising discretion in public engagements as described in section (c) above;
- Attend Commission meetings;
- Serve as members of sectoral Working Groups if the Commissioner has technical expertise in a Working Group topic area;
- Validate the Commission engagement process by ensuring that all input provided by the Commissioner throughout the project is addressed in the final report;
- Endorse the recommendations in the final report of the Commission if deemed satisfactory by the Commissioner.

(i) **Decision-Making:** Any decisions that must be taken by the Commission Co-Chairs will be done on a consensus basis.

(j) **Transparency:** Minutes from the Co-Chair meetings will be made public on the RPRAC website within seven (7) working days of a Commission meeting.

(k) **Mode of Work:** Commission meetings will be in-person, and electronic modalities will be employed for any intersessional work of the Commission.

(l) **Sunset.** The Commission shall terminate or transition into a new form of body no later than six months after providing its recommendations.