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ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH CONGRESS

## U.S. House of Representatives

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February 18, 2026

The Honorable Bryan Steil  
Chairman  
Committee on House Administration  
1309 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Steil:

In accordance with the regulations of the Committee on House Administration, I am submitting herewith the monthly report for January 2026, including:

1. Summary of Progress and projected programs;
2. Statement of Expenses under H. Res 131 (119<sup>th</sup> Congress – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sessions);
3. A listing of Committee employees showing addresses, duties, and gross monthly salaries;
4. A report on travel for January 2026 (none); and
5. List of Detailees for January 2026 (none).

This letter certifies that copies of this report are available to each Member of the Committee on Ethics.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Guest". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "M".

Michael Guest  
Chairman

## COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

### January 2026

The Committee on Ethics (Committee) continued to fulfill its responsibilities to advise and educate Members and staff on the laws, rules, and standards of conduct. As a general matter, the Committee's activities in receiving and responding to requests for advice from House Members and staff are conducted on a confidential basis. In January, the Committee responded to approximately 1267 phone calls and email messages seeking advice, and participated in many informal meetings with Members, House staff, and outside individuals or groups regarding specific ethics matters. The Committee also received 45 requests for formal advisory opinions.

In accordance with the Rules of the House of Representatives for the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress, the Committee continued to review and approve requests to accept privately-sponsored, officially-connected travel. The Committee received and reviewed 215 new travel requests in January 2026 for travel beginning in January or later. Eighty-five employees traveled on a Committee-approved, privately-sponsored, officially-connected trip within the month of January.

The Committee is required under House rules to offer mandatory annual ethics training to each Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, and employee of the House. The Committee is working to modernize its guidance in both substance and method of delivery. The Committee continued to provide training in January through live and on-demand offerings. The Committee originally scheduled an in-person Ethics training on January 26<sup>th</sup>, which was canceled due to weather. There were no live, in-person Ethics training at the request of offices. The calendar of live in-person training opportunities is available [here](#).

The Committee released one pink sheet on the 2026 Outside Earned Income Limit and Salaries Triggering the Financial Disclosure Requirement and Post-Employment Restrictions in January 2026. The pink sheet is available [here](#). Prior general advisories and pink sheets are available [here](#).

Pursuant to Committee Rule 7, the Committee released five public statements regarding Brandon Phillips, Representative Mike Collins, Representative Cory Mills, Representative Nancy Mace, and Representative Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick. The Statement of the Committee on Ethics regarding Brandon Phillips are available [here](#). The Statement of the Committee on Ethics regarding Representative Collins is available [here](#). The Statement of the Committee on Ethics regarding Representative Mills is available [here](#). The Statement of the Committee on Ethics regarding Representative Mace is available [here](#). The Statement of the Committee on Ethics regarding Representative Cherfilus-McCormick is available [here](#). Prior public statements are available [here](#).

The Committee issued a summary of its activities for December 2025 directed to the Committee on House Administration. This statement is publicly available on the Committee on House Administration's website.

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Monthly Financial Statement by Legislative Year

Office: 10SO000 COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Authorization Year 2025  
2025:119th Congress 1st Session  
Month: 2026 January - Closed

**Budget to Actual**

Program	Object Class	YTD Budget Original	YTD Budget Adjusted	YTD Budget Revised	YTD Committed	YTD Obligated	YTD Received	YTD Disbursed	YTD Total Actual	YTD Total Available
EXPEN	** Authorization	4,530,566.00	0.00	4,530,566.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,530,566.00
	11 Personnel Compensation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,185,720.40	4,185,720.40	(4,185,720.40)
	21 Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,024.62	1,024.62	(1,024.62)
	23 Rent, Communications, Utilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,334.49	28,334.49	(28,334.49)
	24 Printing and Reproduction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,234.68	6,234.68	(6,234.68)
	25 Other Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32,096.81	32,096.81	(32,096.81)
	26 Supplies and Materials	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,033.44	28,033.44	(28,033.44)
	31 Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	96,155.38	96,155.38	(96,155.38)
	<b>Total</b>		<b>4,530,566.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,530,566.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,377,599.82</b>	<b>4,377,599.82</b>
AE200	** Authorization	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
	FM Franked Mail	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	111.38	111.38	(111.38)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>111.38</b>	<b>111.38</b>	<b>4,888.62</b>

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## Disbursed Summary

Program	Object Class	Budget Object Class	MTD Disbursed	YTD Disbursed
EXPEN	11 Personnel Compensation	1101 Non-Statutory Compensation	23,053.38	3,993,512.85
		1104 Accrued Leave	0.00	5,640.95
		1106 Bonus	783.32	186,566.60
		<b>Total</b>	<b>23,836.70</b>	<b>4,185,720.40</b>
	21 Travel	2101 Airfare Commercial Transport	0.00	458.97
		2105 Lodging	0.00	320.02
		2135 Taxi/Ride Share	0.00	245.63
		<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,024.62</b>
	23 Rent, Communications, Utilities	2320 DC Telecom Equip (TRANSFER)	140.00	3,168.00
		2321 DC Telecom Serv (TRANSFER)	366.75	4,284.75
		2322 DC Telecom Tolls (TRANSFER)	1,601.39	20,086.01
		2335 HIR Graphics (TRANSFER)	0.00	290.00
		2350 Postage / Courier / Box Rental	189.21	505.73
		<b>Total</b>	<b>2,297.35</b>	<b>28,334.49</b>
	24 Printing and Reproduction	2401 Frankable Printing & Reprod	0.00	247.50
		2402 Non-Frankable Printing & Repro	733.71	5,887.18
		2403 Photographic (TRANSFER)	0.00	100.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>733.71</b>	<b>6,234.68</b>
	25 Other Services	2502 Non-Technology Service Contr	13,680.00	13,720.27
		2527 Training	0.00	1,196.00
		2571 Technology Service Contracts	40.27	10,080.54
		2572 Web Dev Hst,Email & Rltd Serv	0.00	7,100.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>13,720.27</b>	<b>32,096.81</b>
	26 Supplies and Materials	2602 Water	0.00	2,498.93
		2620 Office Supplies (Outside)	0.00	2,261.59
		2621 Office Supply (TRANSFER)	0.00	1,662.07
		2623 Software < \$1000	0.00	16,202.21
		2630 Publications/Reference Mat'l	281.85	5,408.64

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Program		Object Class	Budget Object Class	MTD Disbursed	YTD Disbursed
EXPEN	General Expenditures	26 Supplies and Materials	Total	281.85	28,033.44
		31 Equipment	3112 Computer Hardw Purch <\$25,000	0.00	61,007.04
			3115 Computer Softw Purch <\$10,000	0.00	12,960.52
			3118 Maintenance / Repairs	235.00	22,187.82
			Total	235.00	96,155.38
		Total	41,104.88	4,377,599.82	
AE200	Official Mail	FM Franked Mail	2352 Franked Mail	0.00	111.38
		Total	Total	0.00	111.38
		Total	Total	0.00	111.38

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EXPEN	** Authorization	4,745,724.00	0.00	4,745,724.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,745,724.00
	11 Personnel Compensation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	322,747.66	322,747.66	(322,747.66)
	23 Rent, Communications, Utilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	20.00	(20.00)
	25 Other Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	600.00	(600.00)
	26 Supplies and Materials	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	53.95	0.00	3,565.14	3,619.09	(3,619.09)
	31 Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	984.88	984.88	(984.88)
	<b>Total</b>		<b>4,745,724.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,745,724.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>53.95</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>327,917.68</b>	<b>327,971.63</b>
AE200	** Authorization	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>

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EXPEN	General Expenditures	11 Personnel Compensation	1101 Non-Statutory Compensation	322,747.66	322,747.66	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>322,747.66</b>	<b>322,747.66</b>	
		23 Rent, Communications, Utilities	2335 HIR Graphics (TRANSFER)	20.00	20.00	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>20.00</b>	
		25 Other Services	2572 Web Dev Hst,Email & Rltd Serv	600.00	600.00	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>600.00</b>	<b>600.00</b>	
		26 Supplies and Materials	2621 Office Supply (TRANSFER)	612.10	612.10	
			2623 Software < \$1000	2,953.04	2,953.04	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>3,565.14</b>	<b>3,565.14</b>	
		31 Equipment	3118 Maintenance / Repairs	984.88	984.88	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>984.88</b>	<b>984.88</b>	
		<b>Total</b>			<b>327,917.68</b>	<b>327,917.68</b>

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## PAYROLL CERTIFICATION - FINAL

01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026

Process Level: SO000 COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Accounting Organization: 10SO000

SPECIAL & SELECT COMMITTEE - PERSONNEL

Employee and Job Title	Annual Salary	Gross Pay	Period	Remarks	Employee No.
ALCOSER, DENIA PAOLA STAFF ASSISTANT	54,871.00	4,572.58	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		213871
ARROJO, DAVID COUNSEL TO THE RANKING MEMBER	195,200.00	16,266.67	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		129390
BELLWOAR, SYDNEY RACHEL SENIOR COUNSEL	167,603.00	13,966.92	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		191233
BETHEA, DEBORAH R SR FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE MNGR.	144,697.00	12,058.08	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		148902
CHIPMAN, ALLISON RESEARCHER	72,254.00	6,021.17	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		203887
CHONG, MELISSA LYNN COUNSEL	156,737.00	13,061.42	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		195623
COHAN, MELANIE LYNN DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION	136,658.00	11,388.17	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		192559
DOWNS, JOEL J CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE CHAIRMAN	195,200.00	16,266.67	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		154396
EISENRAUCH, EMILY MARIE SENIOR COUNSEL	167,603.00	13,966.92	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		195620
FITZPATRICK, KATHERINE J SENIOR COUNSEL	167,603.00	13,966.92	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		195145
FLEMING, NICQELLE DELIGHT COUNSEL	147,238.00	12,269.83	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		211042
GWINN, CHRISTINE COUNSEL	156,737.00	13,061.42	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		197292
HOVLAND, JACKSON KEITH STAFF ASSISTANT	54,871.00	4,572.58	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		213472
HUDGINS, ANNIE BESS COUNSEL	147,238.00	0.00	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026	APPOINTMENT 01/26/26	220569
LONG, NICHOLAS M PROFESSIONAL STAFF	72,254.00	6,021.17	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		193426
LOPEZ-BELTRAN, JUSTIN A STAFF ASSISTANT	54,871.00	4,572.58	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		210028
MCLANE, KATHRYN ROSE FD ANALYST	72,254.00	6,021.17	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		201559
MITCHELL, DORIAN DANTE SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR	128,619.00	10,718.25	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		207860
MYERS-MUTSCHALL, SARAH P DIRECTOR OF ADVICE & EDUCATION	195,200.00	16,266.67	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		169565

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Employee and Job Title	Annual Salary	Gross Pay	Period	Remarks	Employee No.
NEDZAR, TAMAR SENIOR COUNSEL	178,776.00	14,898.00	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		162211
PATEL, ROSHAN JAGDISH COUNSEL	156,737.00	13,061.42	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		192575
PESCATORE, BRITTNEY L DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATIONS	195,200.00	16,266.67	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		171847
PIERCE, CHRISTOPHER C COUNSEL	156,737.00	13,061.42	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		206121
RHATICAN, RAYMOND T COUNSEL	147,238.00	12,269.83	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		211040
RICHARDS, STEPHANIE S DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE	195,200.00	16,266.67	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		195391
ROUSE, ARLINDA MARY SENIOR COUNSEL	167,603.00	13,966.92	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		195789
RUST, THOMAS A STAFF DIRECTOR/CHIEF COUNSEL	207,500.00	17,291.67	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		156702
RYAN, SARA JANE STAFF ASSISTANT	54,871.00	4,572.58	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		216359
SEEBA, JENNIFER E COUNSEL	156,737.00	13,061.42	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		204705
SEIBERT, KATHLEEN E RESEARCHER	72,254.00	6,021.17	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		194946
WILMER, PEYTON S SENIOR INVESTIGATIVE CLERK	65,418.00	5,451.50	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		189048
YOUNG IV, LEIGHTON FELKER STAFF ASSISTANT	54,871.00	4,572.58	01/01/2026 to 01/31/2026		210688

### SPECIAL & SELECT COMMITTEE - LUMP SUM BONUS

Employee and Job Title	Annual Salary	Gross Pay	Period	Remarks	Employee No.
ARROJO, DAVID COUNSEL TO THE RANKING MEMBER	195,200.00	741.66			129390
DOWNS, JOEL J CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE CHAIRMAN	195,200.00	41.66			154396

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Employee Group	Expenditure	Active	Paid
SPECIAL & SELECT COMMITTEE - PERSONNEL	\$345,801.04	32	31
SPECIAL & SELECT COMMITTEE - LUMP SUM BONUS	\$783.32	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$346,584.36</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>

COMMENTS: (EXCEPTIONS MUST BE LISTED WITHIN THIS BOX)

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I CERTIFY THAT THE LISTED EMPLOYEES HAVE PERFORMED THEIR ASSIGNED OFFICIAL DUTIES FOR THE OFFICES OF THE EMPLOYING AUTHORITY, AND THAT THEY HAVE CERTIFIED THAT THEY HAVE NO RELATIONSHIP TO A CURRENT MEMBER OF CONGRESS, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED HEREON.

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# 119<sup>th</sup> Congress List of Detailees

Name

Agency

Period of Performance