“Election of MHCRC Chair and Vice-Chair”

Commissioner Term Status

Currently all Commissioners are eligible for the Chair position, with the exception of Carol Studenmund and All Commissioners are eligible for the Vice Chair position.

Background

The Intergovernmental Agreement empowers the Commission to adopt Rules of Procedure governing its conduct of business. With regard to the election of officers, the Commission’s Rules of Procedure state:

**Officers.** The Commission shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair (Officers) from among its members.

**Term of Office.** The Officers' terms of office shall be for one year from July 1 through June 30. Officers may be elected to no more than three full consecutive terms.

**Election.** Commissioners may nominate Officers by oral motion. After the close of nominations, the Commission shall vote in writing or by oral motion upon the names nominated. The election of officers shall be by a majority of Commissioners.

**Chair.** The Chair shall have the duties and powers to:

A. Direct the preparation and distribution of an agenda for all Commission meetings;
B. Preside over all deliberations and meetings of the Commission;
C. Vote on all questions before the Commission;
D. Call special meetings of the Commission in accordance with these Rules of Procedure;
E. Sign all resolutions, orders, contracts and other documents memorializing Commission action;
F. Establish committees and appoint members and chairs.

**Vice Chair.** During the absence, disability or disqualification of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall assume all the duties and powers of the Chair. In the absence of both Officers, the Commission shall elect an acting Chair.

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