



**Local Government
Advisory Committee**
to the Chesapeake Executive Council

Ad Hoc Committee Update

LGAC Quarterly Meeting - July 2024

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Proposed Amendments to LGAC Bylaws

Proposed Amendments: Alternates

- Section 3.5:
 - 'From time to time, however, there may be schedule conflicts, illnesses, or other special circumstances during which an LGAC Member would be unavailable. In those instances, an Emeritus Member from that jurisdiction, or an Alternate, designated by that LGAC Member or the LGAC Chair, ~~and who represents their same interests~~, may serve. If the LGAC Chair designates an Alternate, the respective Executive Council member will be notified.'

Proposed Amendments: First Vice-Chair

- Section 3.7:
 - 'The LGAC First Vice Chair shall be a Member who represents the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania or Virginia. As needed, the LGAC Vice-Chair shall preside over meetings of the Advisory Committee and complete other duties as delegated by the LGAC Chair.'
- Section 3.10
 - An LGAC First Vice-Chair shall also be elected by the Members during the Annual Meeting and shall assume duties as delegated by the Chair upon the adjournment of that Annual Meeting. The LGAC First Vice-Chair shall be elected for a one-year term and may serve a maximum of two consecutive one-year terms.

Proposed Amendments: Chair Rotation

- Section 3.10
 - 'In the following sequence, jurisdictions will have the right of first refusal to the Chair and First Vice-Chair positions: The District of Columbia, State of Maryland, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Commonwealth of Virginia.'

Proposed Amendments: Misc

- Article II:
 - 'Advise the Executive Council on how to effectively engage local governments'
 - 'Share the views and insights of local elected officials with state and federal decision-makers'
- Section 3.2:
 - 'Attendance at a minimum of two meetings annually, including one in person, is required to maintain an 'active' status.'
- Section 4.7
 - 'If a vote is required in between Quarterly Meetings, the LGAC Chair may call for a virtual vote by email, Google Form, or other online platform.'

Proposed Updates to LGAC Strategic Plan

Proposed Updates: Lean into Advisory Role

- Goals:
 - 'Goal: Champion local government priorities and needs within the Chesapeake Bay Program and with state and federal partners'

Proposed Updates: Connecting with States

- Priorities and Actions 1.c
 - Seek opportunities for ongoing communication of LGAC members with their governor and senior staff, state elected officials, and Congressional elected officials, including annual meetings between LGAC and targeted state and federal decision-makers

Proposed Updates: Communications

- Priorities and Actions 1.d
 - Increase opportunities for coordinated communications and branding
- Priorities and Actions 2.c
 - Develop and maintain online presence and communication ~~distribution~~ platforms to ~~communicate~~ share information about local government resources and LGAC priorities.

Proposed Updates: Collaborating

- Priorities and Actions 4.f
 - Collaborate with the other CBP Advisory Committees' leadership and staff

Proposed LGAC Member Position Description

Beyond the Scope of Ad Hoc Committee

Aligning Charge/Purpose/Mission

- 1987 Charge from Executive Council: *‘by March 1988, to establish a local government advisory committee to the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council and charge that committee to develop a strategy for local government participation in the Bay program.’*
- LGAC Purpose: *‘advise the Executive Council on how to effectively, equitably and expeditiously implement Chesapeake Bay Program (Bay Program) projects and determine actions required to engage, empower, and facilitate local governments in achieving goals of the Agreement. LGAC has both proactive and reactive roles in communicating with the Executive Council and with local governments throughout the watershed.’*
- LGAC Mission: *‘In order to restore the health of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, LGAC will advise the Executive Council by 1) sharing the views and insights of local elected officials with state and federal decision-makers and 2) enhancing the flow of information among local governments.’*

Questions?

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