

**§ 3-6A-01. County Board.**

(a) *"Elected member" defined.-*

(1) In this subtitle, "elected member" means a voting member elected under subsection (d) or (e) of this section or a member appointed to an elected position on the Harford County Board of Education under subsection (e)(2) of this section.

(2) "Elected member" does not include a:

- (i) County superintendent of schools serving as an ex officio member of the county board; or
- (ii) Nonvoting student member selected under subsection (f) of this section.

(b) *Membership.-* The county board consists of:

- (1) Six elected members;
- (2) Three appointed members;
- (3) The county superintendent of schools, who is an ex officio nonvoting member; and
- (4) One nonvoting student member.

(c) *Additional membership requirements.-*

- (1) (i) A member from a councilmanic district shall be a resident of that district.
- (ii) A member from a councilmanic district who no longer resides in that district may not continue as a member of the county board.
- (2) A member of the county board shall be a registered voter of the county for at least 3 years prior to the date of the beginning of the term of office of the member.

(d) *Selection of members.-*

- (1) Of the nine voting members of the county board:
  - (i) One member shall be elected from each of the six councilmanic districts only by the voters of that councilmanic district; and
  - (ii) Three members shall be appointed by the Governor.
- (2) The elected members shall be elected at a general election as required by subsection (e) of this section.
- (3) The appointed members shall be appointed, when appropriate, within 90 days of the general election.

(e) *Term.-*

(1) Except for the nonvoting members, a member serves for a term of 4 years beginning July 1 after the election or appointment of the member and until a successor is elected or appointed and qualifies.

(2) (i) Unless otherwise disqualified under this section, a member of the county board is eligible for reelection or reappointment.

(ii) A voting member may not serve for more than two consecutive terms as a voting member.

(3) The Harford County Board of Elections may adopt regulations to implement this subsection.

(f) *Vacancies.*-

(1) The Harford County Council shall appoint a qualified individual to fill any vacancy of an elected member on the county board for the remainder of the term and until a successor is elected and qualifies.

(2) The Governor shall appoint a qualified individual to fill any vacancy of an appointed member of the county board for the remainder of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(g) *Student member.*-

(1) The nonvoting student member of the county board shall be elected by the high school students of the county in accordance with procedures established by the Harford County public school system.

(2) The student member shall:

(i) Be an eleventh or twelfth grade student, in good standing, and regularly enrolled in the Harford County public school system;

(ii) Be a student government association representative at the student's high school;

(iii) Serve for 1 year beginning on July 1 after the election of the member;

(iv) Be a nonvoting member; and

(v) Advise the county board on the thoughts and feelings of students in the Harford County public schools.

(3) Unless invited to attend by an affirmative vote of a majority of the county board, the student member may not attend an executive session of the county board.

### **§ 3-6A-02. Removal of board member.**

(a) *Grounds.*- The State Board may remove a voting member of the county board for:

(1) Immorality;

(2) Misconduct in office;

(3) Incompetency;

(4) Willful neglect of duty; or

(5) Failure to attend, without good cause, at least 75% of the scheduled meetings of the county board in any 1 calendar year.

(b) *Notice and hearing.*- Before removing a member, the State Board shall send the member a copy of the charges and give the member an opportunity to request a hearing within 10 days.

(c) *Hearing requirements.*- If the member requests a hearing within the 10-day period:

(1) The State Board promptly shall hold a hearing, but a hearing may not be set within 10 days after the State Board sends the member a notice of the hearing; and

(2) The member shall have an opportunity to be heard publicly before the State Board in the member's own defense, in person or by counsel.

(d) *De novo review.*- A member removed under this section has the right to a de novo review of the removal by the Circuit Court for Harford County.

### **§ 3-6A-03. President and vice president.**

(a) *Election.*- The county board shall elect a president and vice president from among the voting county board members.

(b) *At first meeting.*- The county board shall elect a president and vice president at its first meeting in July as required to implement the provisions of this section.

(c) *Term.*- The president and vice president shall serve a term of 2 years.

(d) *Vacancy.*- If there is a vacancy in the office of president or vice president, the county board shall fill the vacancy within 30 days after the vacancy occurs.

### **§ 3-6A-04. Travel and other expenses for members of Harford County Board.**

(a) *In general.*- Each member of the Harford County Board is entitled to receive \$3,600 annually for travel and other expenses related to the performance of duties as a member of the board.

(b) *Payment.*- Payments to a member for the expenses described in subsection (a) of this section shall be paid in 12 equal monthly installments.

(c) *Additional expenses.*- Subject to the approval of the board, a member may be reimbursed for additional travel and other expenses.

**§ 3-6A-05. Shared Space Council in Harford County.**

(a) *Created; membership.*-

(1) There is a School Shared Space Council in Harford County.

(2) The School Shared Space Council consists of eleven employees of the county appointed by the County Executive for a term coterminous with that of the County Executive as follows:

(i) Two from the staff of the county board of education;

(ii) One from the administrative staff of the County Executive;

(iii) One from the Department of Public Works;

(iv) One from the Department of Recreation and Parks;

(v) One from the Committee on Aging;

(vi) One from the Health Department;

(vii) One from Harford County Community College;

(viii) One from the Department of Juvenile Services;

(ix) One from the county public libraries; and

(x) One from the Department of Planning.

(3) In addition to the county employee members, the County Executive shall appoint, upon the recommendation of the County Council, seven county citizen members to the Council as follows:

(i) One from each councilmanic district of the county; and

(ii) One from the county at large.

(b) *Replacement of members.*-

(1) A county employee member of the Council who does not maintain his employment in the county shall be replaced on the Council.

(2) A county citizen member who does not maintain his residence in the county shall be replaced on the Council.

(c) *Attendance and voting by citizen members.*- Each citizen member may attend and vote at a Council session.

(d) *Meetings; duties; reports.*- The Council shall:

(1) Meet not less than three times a year during each year to compile the number of spaces in the public schools of the county that are not filled and to evaluate the feasibility of the utilization of the spaces by the community and county departments; and

(2) Report its findings and recommendations to the county board of education and the County Executive at least once during the school year.

(e) *Appointment of additional members by County Executive.*- The County Executive, by executive order, may appoint up to two additional members to the Council from agencies of the county government.

(f) *President; quorum.*-

(1) The Council shall elect a president from among its members.

(2) A quorum is  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the members appointed.