

BACKGROUND

In the Charge and Duties passed by the BOC in establishment of the PAB, the two of the Charges are:

- To facilitate the cooperation and collaboration of the Planning and Environment Department with other county departments or agencies, especially those whose responsibilities affect planning issues
- To facilitate the cooperation and collaboration of Washtenaw County with other municipalities

While there are many occasions in which planning issues may come under discussion, ensuring there is representation from local municipalities and agencies through membership on the PAB provides a regular and ongoing opportunity for cooperation and collaboration as planning issues come under discussion, whether introduced by a PAB member, referred to the PAB by the BOC or administration, or brought forward by the public. Examples might include County implementation of the comprehensive plan, response to pending state legislation, or the effect of an apparently unrelated county policy on planning issues.

PROCEDURE

1. Membership is defined in the amended PAB Bylaws, with specific details around terms referenced in the most current BOC Resolution showing adoption of the amended Bylaws and Resolutions for annual appointments to the PAB.
2. Public Notice for General Public-At Larger membership will be posted in by the Washtenaw County Clerk's Office in newspapers of general circulation in the County of Washtenaw.
3. Regional Group and Agency nominations will be forwarded to the BOC for selection (in the case of multiple nominations) and confirmation. The following general criteria should be considered by the all Regional Groups and Agencies when nominating individuals for PAB representation:
 - a. Demonstrates a solid understanding of planning policies and issues,
 - b. Provides decision making authority or a direct link to decision makers as it relates to planning and land use decisions,
 - c. Commits to viewing and addressing issues from a regional perspective,
 - d. Ensures information and communication flows between represented regional group or agency and the PAB,
 - e. Attends and participates in all scheduled PAB and assigned subcommittee meetings on a regular basis

4. Once appointed and/or confirmed by the BOC, new PAB members will be sworn in at the next regularly scheduled PAB meeting
5. All new members will be scheduled for an orientation session with the Planning Services Director and PAB Chair to provide the necessary background and understanding of the PAB Charges and Duties as well as actions to date.