

Albemarle County Board of Supervisors

Policies

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Policies of the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors

Comment: The substance and organization of these policies are unchanged from as they appear in Rules F, K, and L in the Board's current Rules of Procedure.

1. Travel Reimbursement

Board members will be reimbursed travel expenses pursuant to uniform standards and procedures that will allow Board members to travel for official County business purposes consistent with the prudent use of County funds as follows:

- A. Routine Travel Expenses.** Board members may be reimbursed for the following routine travel expenses at the County's authorized car mileage reimbursement rate, provided there are available funds:
 - 1. Mileage for Board and Committee Meetings.** Mileage for travel by personal vehicle or other travel costs to scheduled Board meetings and Board committee meetings for committees to which a Board member is appointed, from home or work, if a work day, which is not part of routine personal travel.
 - 2. Mileage to Prepare for Matters to be Considered by the Board.** Mileage for travel by personal vehicle or other travel costs to events reasonably necessary to prepare for matters scheduled for consideration on the Board's agenda which is not part of routine personal travel (*i.e.*, site visits, informational meetings).
 - 3. Parades and Other Community Gatherings.** Parades and other community gatherings not advertised as Supervisor's town hall meetings to discuss County business. Travel to use the COB office between other personal travel or meetings, shall not be covered.
- B. Educational Conference Travel Expenses.** Board members may be reimbursed for the following educational conference travel expenses, provided there are available funds:
 - 1. Regional, Statewide, National Meetings.** All necessary, actual and reasonable meal, travel and lodging costs (including gratuity and excluding alcohol) of attending regional, statewide or national meetings at which the Board member represents the County, as approved by the Board; and
 - 2. Legislative or Congressional Hearings.** All necessary, actual and reasonable meal, and travel (including gratuity and excluding alcohol) of attending legislative or congressional hearings relating to official County business.
- C. Matters for Which Board Members will not be Reimbursed.** Board members will not be reimbursed for the following travel expenses:
 - 1. Political Events.** Travel to events which are political in nature (*i.e.*, campaigning or partisan events).
 - 2. Personal Expenses.** Personal expenses incurred during travel; or
 - 3. Travel Not Part of Duties.** Other travel which is not part of the statutory governmental duties of the Board of Supervisors that are not provided for in Subsections (C)(1) or (C)(2).

D. Implementation. This policy will be applied and overseen in the following manner:

1. **Reimbursement Requests.** Reimbursement requests shall be made in writing on forms provided by the Clerk of the Board and shall itemize the date, number of miles of travel expenses and purpose of the meeting. Mileage for use of a personal vehicle shall be reimbursed at the County's authorized car mileage reimbursement rate. Other reimbursements shall be for the amount of costs expended and shall be documented by receipts for actual amounts paid.
2. **Clerk Review.** The Clerk, or his/her designee, will review all travel reimbursement requests and the Director of Finance will approve all travel reimbursement requests prior to reimbursement. No payment will be made for incomplete submissions or information.
3. **Exhaustion of Unexpended Funds.** When all allocated funds for Board reimbursements have been expended, there will be no further reimbursement for that fiscal year unless the Board appropriates additional funding.

2. Board Members Appointed to Boards, Committees, and Commissions

The Board appoints its members to a variety of boards, committees, and commissions to represent the interests of the Board on those entities. It is important that the Board have confidence that its policies and positions are being reflected in that representation.

- A. **Voting Representatives.** The Board members who are appointed to boards, committees, and commissions are required to vote on matters that come before those entities in a manner which is consistent with the policies and positions of the Board as reflected in previously adopted resolutions or official actions of the Board on those matters.
- B. **Liaison Representatives.** The Board members who are appointed to boards, committees, and commissions as liaisons are to act as a resource for the board, committee, and/or commission and are to report to the Board on the activities of the board, committee, and/or commission.

3. Boards and Commissions

A. Review and Creation of Boards and Commissions Shall be as Follows:

1. **Annual Report.** By October 1 of each year, all boards and commissions shall submit a report to the Board to include key activities that support their mission and a summary of their activities and attendance.
2. **Annual Evaluation.** On an annual basis, the list of active boards and commissions will be evaluated and purged of all bodies not required by Federal, State, County or other regulations, which have not met at least once during the prior twelve-month period.
3. **Combining Functions and Activities.** Whenever possible and appropriate, the functions and activities of boards and commissions will be combined, rather than encouraging the creation of new bodies.
4. **Short-Term Task Forces and Ad Hoc Committees.** Any newly created task force or ad hoc committee which is intended to serve for a limited time period may be comprised of magisterial or at-large members at the discretion of the Board. The appointment process shall follow that adopted in Section B for other magisterial and/or at-large positions.

B. Appointments to Boards and Commissions Shall be as Follows:

1. **Appointments, Generally.** All appointments to boards and commissions based upon magisterial district boundaries will be made by the Board. The Board will consider and/or interview candidates recommended by the supervisor of that district.
2. **Compilation of List of Expired Terms and Vacancies.** Prior to each day Board meeting, the Clerk will provide the Board a list of expired terms and vacancies that will occur within the next 60 days. The Board will then advise the Clerk which vacancies to advertise.
3. **Advertising Positions.** In an effort to reach as many citizens as possible, notice of boards and commissions with appointment positions available may be published through available venues, such as, but not limited to, the County's website, A-mail, public service announcements, and local newspapers. Interested citizens will be provided a brief description of the duties and functions of each board, length of term of the appointment, frequency of meetings, and qualifications necessary to fill the position. An explanation of the appointment process for both magisterial and at-large appointments will also be sent to all applicants.
4. **Application Period.** All interested applicants will have a minimum of 30 days from the date of the first notice to complete and return to the Clerk a detailed application, with the understanding that the application may be released to the public, if requested. No applications will be accepted if they are postmarked after the advertised deadline, however, the Board, at its discretion, may extend the deadline.
5. **Distribution of Applications.** Once the deadline for accepting applications is reached, the Clerk will distribute all applications received to the members of the Board prior to the day meeting for their review. For magisterial appointments, the Clerk will forward applications as they are received to the supervisor of that district who will then recommend his/her appointment.
6. **Interviews; Appointments Without Interviews.** From the pool of qualified candidates, the Board, at its discretion, may make an appointment without conducting an interview, or may select applicants to interview for the vacant positions. The Clerk will then schedule interviews with applicants to be held during the next day meeting.
7. **Appointments Within 90 Days.** All efforts will be made to interview selected applicants and make appointments within 90 days after the application deadline. For designated agency appointments to boards and commissions, the agency will be asked to recommend a person for appointment by the Board.
8. **Vacancies Filled as They Occur; Exception.** All vacancies will be filled as they occur, except that vacancies occurring in Community Advisory Councils will be filled on an annual basis at the time regular terms expire unless there are more than three vacancies on any Council at the same time with more than three months remaining from the annual appointment date.
9. **Appointees Required to File Real Estate Disclosure Form.** As a condition of assuming office, all citizen members of boards and commissions shall file a real estate disclosure form as set forth in the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act and thereafter shall file the form annually on or before January 15.

10. Termination of Appointment for Excessive Absences. If a member of a board or commission does not participate in at least fifty percent of a board's or commission's meetings, the Chair of the body may request the Board terminate the appointment, if permitted by applicable law, and refill it during the next scheduled advertising period.