125.4304.new Board; composition; chairperson; oath of member; rules governing procedure and meetings; meetings open to public; removal of member; publicizing expense items; financial records open to public.

Sec. 304. (1) The authority shall be under the supervision and control of a board chosen by the governing body which may by majority vote designate any 1 of the following to constitute the board:

(a) The board of directors of the economic development corporation of the municipality established pursuant to the economic development corporations act, 1974 PA 338, MCL 125.1601 to 125.1636.

(b) The trustees of the board of a downtown development authority established pursuant to part 2.

(c) The trustees of the board of an urban redevelopment corporation established pursuant to the urban redevelopment corporations law, 1941 PA 250, MCL 125.901 to 125.922.

(d) The members of the commission established pursuant to 1945 PA 344, MCL 125.71 to 125.84.

(e) In a municipality that has a population of less than 5,000, the planning commission of the municipality established pursuant to Michigan planning enabling act, 2008 PA 33, MCL 125.3801 to 125.3885.

(f) Not less than 7 nor more than 13 persons appointed by the chief executive officer of the municipality subject to the approval of the governing body. Of the members appointed, an equal number, as near as practicable, shall be appointed for 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, and 4 years. A member shall hold office until the member's successor is appointed. Thereafter, each member shall serve for a term of 4 years. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be made by the chief executive officer of the municipality for the unexpired term only. Members of the board shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses.

(2) The chairperson of the board shall be elected by the board.

(3) Before assuming the duties of office, a member shall qualify by taking and subscribing to the constitutional oath of office.

(4) The board shall adopt rules governing its procedure and the holding of regular meetings, subject to the approval of the governing body. Special meetings may be held when called in the manner provided in the rules of the board. Meetings of the board shall be open to the public, in accordance with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

(5) Pursuant to notice and an opportunity to be heard, a member of the board appointed pursuant to subsection (1)(f) may be removed before the expiration of his or her term for cause by the governing body. Removal of a member is subject to the review by the circuit court.

(6) All expense items of the authority shall be publicized annually and the financial records shall be open to the public pursuant to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.