3.573 Base conversion authority; appointment and qualifications of members; designation of chairperson; ex officio members; duration of authority; service of members; vacancy; meetings; voting; quorum; compensation; election of officers; employment of personnel; appointment of subcommittees and task forces.

Sec. 3. (1) The authority shall consist of 11 voting members who shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate. The governor shall designate 1 of the members to serve as chairperson. The directors of the department of commerce, labor, natural resources, and transportation; the Michigan jobs commission or its successor; the central Upper Peninsula planning and developing regional commission (CUPPAD); and the northern economic initiatives corporation (NEI Corp) shall serve as ex officio members without vote. The members shall be as follows:

(a) One member who is chairperson of the county board of commissioners of the county in which the base is located, or the chairperson’s designee.
(b) The township supervisor, or that person’s designee, from each township in which the land area of the base is located.
(c) One member who is a representative of a business, commerce, or economic development association operating in Alger, Delta, Dickinson, Marquette, or Menominee county.
(d) One member who is a representative of a public utility operating in Alger, Delta, Dickinson, Marquette, or Menominee county.
(e) One member who is a representative of an employer with more than 500 employees working in Alger, Delta, Dickinson, Marquette, or Menominee county.
(f) One member who is a representative of an employer with less than 500 employees working in Alger, Delta, Dickinson, Marquette, or Menominee county.
(g) One member at large who is a resident of Alger, Delta, Dickinson, Marquette, or Menominee county.
(h) One member who is a representative of organized labor.
(i) One member who is a resident of Delta county.
(2) The authority shall exist for 5 years, with 1 additional 5-year extension if authorized by concurrent resolution of the state legislature.

(3) A member of the authority described in subsection (1)(a) and (b) shall serve while the member holds the respective office specified in that subsection. All other members shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(4) The authority shall hold an annual meeting each January. Additional meetings may be conducted as are necessary. At least 1 meeting a year shall be held on the base. At a meeting of the authority a majority vote of all members appointed and serving is necessary for a decision. Voting may be conducted by telephonic communication. A quorum consists of a majority of the members.

(5) The per diem compensation of the authority and the schedule for reimbursement of expenses shall be established by the legislature.

(6) The authority shall elect annually from its membership a vice-chairperson, a secretary, and a treasurer. The authority may employ experts, consultants, administrative staff, and other personnel the authority considers necessary in the performance of its responsibilities under this act. The authority may also appoint subcommittees and task forces consisting of its own members and other individuals appointed by the chairperson of the authority.