

Section 16: Unfilled Vacancies

Any seat left vacant after a board election shall be held over until the next Board Cycle. In the event the seat is occupied but no successor is named, the member holding that seat may serve for up to an additional sixty (60) days if the vacancy is eligible to be filled by the Emergency Application Process.

Section 17: Attendance

Greenville County relies on volunteers to help conduct the business of the County. Boards and commissions are comprised of volunteers that are an integral and necessary part of local government. It is important that board and commission members make every effort to attend all called meetings of the board or commission to which the member is appointed. Excessive absences can affect the board or commission's ability to form a quorum or effectively conduct business. Board and commission members may be removed for excessive absences pursuant to Section 18 below.

The Clerk to Council shall inquire as to board and commission member attendance and periodically report to County Council to allow attendance problems to be identified and addressed in a timely manner. At least quarterly, the chairperson of the board or commission shall provide to the Clerk to Council a signed copy of all approved minutes which shall reflect the names of those members present and absent. Additionally, the Clerk to Council shall request that chairpersons report attendance using a form approved by the Clerk's Office which will note whether meetings are special called or regular scheduled meetings. In reporting absences to the Clerk to Council, chairpersons of boards and commissions may not excuse an absence. The Clerk shall report to Council on any absences in violation of this Policy along with any explanation provided by the board or commission member.

The provisions of this Section shall apply to all boards and commissions appointed by County Council except where a conflicting provision appears in State law or in County ordinance, in which case the specific State law or ordinance shall apply. To the extent this Section applies to a board or commission, Sections 17 and 18 of this Policy (Attendance and Board Member Removal) shall be incorporated into the bylaws of the board or commission, and a copy provided to the Clerk to Council's Office.

Section 18: Board Member Removal

By majority vote of County Council, board and commission members may be removed from their appointed positions for the following reasons:

- a. Conviction of driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI) while serving on a board or commission.
- b. ~~Reported~~ Excessive absences.

- i. For boards and commissions meeting four (4) or more times per calendar year, excessive absences (more than shall be defined as three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings and/or 25% of all meetings for the calendar year).
- ii. For boards and commissions meeting fewer than four (4) times per calendar year, excessive absences shall be addressed on a case-by-case basis taking into consideration whether the absence affects the board or commission's ability to form a quorum and/or effectively conduct business.

c. Relocation outside of the board's jurisdictional boundaries.

County Council reserves the right to remove or recommend removal of a board or commission appointee for actions deemed by a majority of all County Council members to be detrimental to that board or commission.

Section 1819: Waiver or Extension of Deadlines; Newly Created Boards, Temporary and Interim Boards

Any timeline set forth in this Policy may be waived or extended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of County Council. By two-thirds (2/3) vote of County Council, any and all requirements of this Policy may be waived or modified in order to nominate or appoint members to fill newly created boards, or temporary and/or interim boards.