

568. The said visitors and their successors to be appointed in like manner are a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title of "The Visitors of the Jail of Baltimore city," and by that name shall have perpetual succession; shall have and use a common seal, and the same at their pleasure shall alter and renew, and shall have and exercise all the powers, authorities and privileges of a corporate body, so far as the same are necessary to a due discharge of their duties.

569. Each visitor so appointed shall, before he proceeds to act, before some judge or justice of the peace take and subscribe an oath that he will duly and faithfully execute the duties and trusts, and exercise the powers committed to and vested in him as a visitor of the jail of Baltimore city, according to law, to the best of his ability and judgment.

570. They shall provide a book or books, in which shall be entered all their proceedings, and the certificate of each visitor having taken and subscribed the oath aforesaid, and when they, or any three of them, shall have taken and subscribed the same, they shall be qualified and competent to exercise all the powers and perform all the duties herein granted and required.

571. Three visitors shall at any time form a quorum for the transaction of business.

572. They shall choose annually, at their first meeting in the month of April, or at some subsequent meeting, a president and secretary from among the members of the board.

573. The president shall preside at all meetings of the board; the secretary shall keep the minutes of their proceedings.

574. They shall meet on the first Tuesday of every month, or at such other times as they may direct; special meetings may be called at any time by the president or any two members on giving three days' notice in writing to the members.

575. They shall have full power and authority as often as they may deem it necessary to visit the jail, and the prisoners confined therein; to make by-laws for the internal police and good government thereof, and for the preservation of the buildings and other property.