

EMPLOYEES AS THE AUTHORITY MAY DETERMINE TO BE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF THE AUTHORITY.

(E) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE STAFF OF THE AUTHORITY SHALL RECEIVE SUCH COMPENSATION AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

PART II. POWERS AND DUTIES

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IN ADDITION TO THE POWERS SET FORTH ELSEWHERE IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE AUTHORITY MAY:

(1) ADOPT AND ALTER AN OFFICIAL SEAL;

(2) SUE AND BE SUED, PLEAD AND BE IMPEADED;

(3) ADOPT BYLAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(4) MAINTAIN AN OFFICE OR OFFICES AT SUCH PLACE AS THE AUTHORITY MAY DESIGNATE;

(5) EMPLOY, EITHER AS REGULAR EMPLOYEES OR AS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, CONSULTANTS, ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, ACCOUNTANTS, ATTORNEYS, FINANCIAL EXPERTS, CONSTRUCTION EXPERTS AND PERSONNEL, SUPERINTENDENTS, MANAGERS AND OTHER PERSONNEL AND AGENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY IN ITS JUDGMENT, AND FIX THEIR COMPENSATION;

(6) APPOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEES COMPOSED OF LOCAL OFFICIALS, BUSINESS INTERESTS, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONVENTION, HOTEL, AND TOURISM BUSINESS, AND SUCH OTHER EXPERTS AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE;

(7) TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE UTILIZING EXISTING STUDIES, EVALUATIONS, AND REPORTS:

(I) REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS IN ATTRACTING BUSINESS AND THE CAPABILITIES, LIMITATIONS, AND PROFITABILITY OF EXISTING CONVENTION FACILITIES; AND

(II) EXAMINE MARKET NEEDS AND TRENDS OF CONVENTIONS, CONFERENCES, AND EXPOSITIONS RELATIVE TO CURRENT AND PROJECTED LODGING CAPACITY, RELATED SERVICES, AND EXISTING FACILITIES, AND PREPARE A ~~STATEWIDE~~ CITYWIDE PLAN FOR THE INDUSTRY;

(8) REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE POTENTIAL FOR EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE BALTIMORE CONVENTION CENTER FACILITY ~~AND THE OCEAN CITY CONVENTION FACILITY~~ WITH