

direction of the Chief Engineer of Baltimore as herein provided. He shall be the arbiter of all questions and controversies that may arise between any of the said sub-departments or between the engineers of said sub-departments, and his decision shall be final. He shall have power to call together for consultation, whenever he deems it advisable, the Highways Engineer, the Water Engineer, the Harbor Engineer, the City Surveyor, and the Engineer of each of the other sub-departments above mentioned, or the chief engineer of any of said sub-departments having more than one engineer. Upon request of any sub-department, or the head or engineer thereof, or any other party in interest, he shall call together the engineers above mentioned to discuss and give their opinions upon any engineering question that may arise or be presented for his determination; and, in the event of any controversy between any of the sub-departments or the engineers thereof, he shall give opportunity to both sides to be heard before said board of engineers; but after such hearing, and after hearing the opinions of said engineers, the decision of the matter shall be made by the said Chief Engineer. Whenever, because of sickness, temporary absence from the City, or other disability, or under the stress of conflicting engagements or other reasonable necessity, the Chief Engineer of Baltimore shall be unable to discharge any duties or exercise any power imposed or conferred upon him in person in his primary capacity as Chief Engineer of Baltimore, by law or ordinance, he shall be and is hereby authorized to delegate in writing, subject to the approval of the Mayor, the discharge of such duty or the exercise of such power to such one or more of his chief subordinates as he may select.

There shall be connected with said Department of Public Improvements a Board of Public Improvements, composed of the Chief Engineer of Baltimore, the Highways Engineer, the Water Engineer, the Harbor Engineer, and the Inspector of Buildings. This Board shall be for consultation and advice. It shall have no power to direct or control the duties or the work of any sub-department under this Department. It shall perform such other duties as may be required of it by ordinances not inconsistent with this Article.

86. The Highways Engineer, who shall be the head of the first sub-department of Public Improvements, shall be appointed by the Mayor in the mode prescribed in Section 25 of this Article, and hold his office as therein provided. He shall have control and supervision of the streets, highways,