

5. (Employees of Authority; Conflict of Interests; Political Activity)—(a) Upon establishment of a merit system by the Authority, the employment and tenure of all full time employees of the Authority, with the exception of the chief executive officer, shall be subject to the provisions of such system;

(b) All employees of the Authority, including the chief executive officer, shall be entitled to enter into the State of Maryland employees retirement system in a like manner as provided for the employees of Montgomery County;

(c) No member of the Authority during his term of office, or employee of the Authority during his term of employment as such, shall have any financial interest whatsoever in any of the facilities or projects with respect to which the Authority has jurisdiction or any power or authorization to act; no member or employee shall act as attorney, agent, broker, or in any manner for any person, firm or association interested directly or indirectly in the facilities or projects of the Authority, nor shall such member or employee accept any gift, loan or thing or promise of value from any such person, firm, or corporation.

(d) No employee whose salary or expenses are payable in whole or part from Authority funds shall participate in any political activity under the penalty of forfeiting his office or employment pursuant to the regulations of the Authority;

(e) No member of the Authority or officer or employee of the Authority shall detail or cause any officer or employee of the Authority to do or perform any service or work outside of his public office or employment;

(f) No member of the Authority and no officer or employee whose salary is fixed, in whole or in part, by the Authority shall be entitled, directly or indirectly, to any other salary, expenses, or compensation from the Authority for the performance of public duties, except expenses for travel and subsistence incident to the performance of his official duties;

(g) All full time employees of the Authority shall devote their entire time during official working hours as specified by the Authority to the performance of their official duties;

(h) No employee of the Authority whose salary or expenses are payable in whole or in part from Authority funds shall give or promise to give any portion of his compensation or any money or any valuable thing to any person in consideration of his having been or being appointed or employed as such officer or employee;

(i) Violation of any of the above by any member, officer, or employee of the Authority shall result in forfeiture of his office or employment, or such other appropriate penalty, as provided by regulations of the Authority;

(j) The prohibition against political activity shall not apply to persons retained by the Authority only on a fee basis or employed by the Authority on a contractual basis for services or performance of work, but shall otherwise apply to all salaried or per diem employees, agents, and servants of the Authority. The conflict of interest prohibition as applied to persons engaged on a fee, contract,