

all books, documents and papers filed with the Authority and of the Minute Book or Journal of the Authority and of its official seal. He may cause copies to be made of all minutes and other records and documents of the Authority and give certificates under the official seal of the Authority to the effect that such copies are true copies; all persons dealing with the Authority may rely upon such certificates, and such copies when so certified shall be received as evidence in any court of law or equity, or before any Judge, Justice of the Peace, or other tribunal in this State, in the same manner and with the same effect as if the original books, papers, entries, records or proceedings were themselves produced. The Secretary-Treasurer shall perform any and all duties imposed upon him by law or as may be assigned to him by the Authority.

(k) The Authority may also appoint an Executive Director, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Authority, be responsible to it, and receive such salary as may be fixed by the Authority from time to time. The Executive Director shall perform any and all duties as may be imposed upon him by law or as may be assigned to him by the Authority. PRIOR TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE AUTHORITY SHALL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING IN REGARD TO THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ANY NOMINEE FOR SAID POSITION, WHICH PUBLIC HEARING SHALL BE ADVERTISED AT LEAST FIFTEEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF SUCH HEARING BY PUBLICATION IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION IN BALTIMORE CITY AND BALTIMORE COUNTY.

(L) NO PERSON IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF OR HOLDING ANY OFFICIAL RELATION TO ANY PERSON OR COMPANY SUBJECT TO THE REGULATORY JURISDICTION OF THE AUTHORITY OR HAVING ANY INTEREST OF ANY NATURE IN ANY SUCH PERSON OR COMPANY OR AFFILIATE OR ASSOCIATE THEREOF, SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE AUTHORITY OR TO SERVE AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE AUTHORITY OR TO RECEIVE ANY COMPENSATION IN RELATION THERETO. , EXCEPT THAT THIS PROHIBITION SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE EMPLOYEES OF ANY COMPANY WHICH THE AUTHORITY ACQUIRES PURSUANT TO SECTION 14 OF THIS ACT.

(M) ALL CONDUCT PROHIBITED BY ARTICLE 78, SECTION 16 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION, AS AMENDED) SHALL ALSO BE PROHIBITED TO PERSONNEL OF THE AUTHORITY AND THE PENALTIES THEREIN SET FORTH SHALL ALSO BE APPLICABLE FOR VIOLATING ANY OF THE SAID PROHIBITIONS.

6. Advisory Council.

(a) There is created an Advisory Council, whose function it is to consult with the members of the Authority from time to time. Said Council has no vote upon the Authority but may be consulted regularly by the Authority, and shall, upon the invitation of the Authority, attend meetings and hearings of the Authority, either as a group or individually as the case may be. No change in the routes, schedules, or service of any public or private transportation company shall be made by the Authority without first submitting the proposed change