

receive such compensation as may be determined by the County Commissioners from time to time. The term of each of the five members is five years or until their successors are appointed and have qualified, except that the first Commissioners named by said Commissioners shall serve for one year, the second shall serve for two years, and the third shall serve for three years, the fourth for four years and the fifth for five years from the dates of their respective appointments; and as the term of each Commissioner expires, his successor shall be appointed by the County Commissioners. *The Commission shall name its chairman and vice-chairman.* Any vacancy in the membership of the Commission shall be filled by appointment by the County Commissioners for the unexpired term. The members of the Commission are a body corporate by the name of the "Harford County Metropolitan Commission" (referred to elsewhere in this subtitle as "the Commission"), with the right to use a common seal, to sue and be sued, and to do any and all other corporate acts for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this subtitle. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the rights and liabilities of the Commission; and as reconstituted, the continuity of the Commission's legal existence shall not be impaired.

(b) [The Commission shall elect one of its members as Chairman and shall appoint, discharge at its pleasure and, subject to the approval of the County Commissioners, fix the compensation of a Secretary-Treasurer, and/or a chief engineer, and such engineering, legal, clerical, and other personnel and help, as from time to time the Commission may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle.] *The Director of the Department of Public Works for Harford County shall ex officio be the chief administrative officer for the Commission under the title of Director of Sanitary Facilities, whose duties shall be to execute the policies of the Commission within the provisions of this subtitle. The Commission shall appoint and discharge at its pleasure a Secretary-Treasurer, a chief engineer, and such other engineering, legal, clerical and other personnel as the Commission may deem necessary at such wage or salary scales as may be approved by the County Commissioners.* The Secretary-Treasurer [, if any,] appointed by the Commission shall be the collector of all charges and assessment made by the Commission, and shall receive and account for all monies which shall be due and payable to the Commission from any source whatsoever. All monies deposited shall be protected by a depository bond, or by such other securities as may be approved by the Commission. The Secretary-Treasurer shall give bond to the State of Maryland, to the amount of \$20,000.00, with a good and sufficient surety to be approved by the Commission, with the condition "that if the above bounden shall well and faithfully execute his office and shall account to the Commission for all monies which he shall receive for account of the Commission, or be answerable for by law, then the said obligation to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and effect." The bond, when approved, shall be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Harford County; and the person so appointed, before entering upon the duties of his office shall take an oath before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County, in form similar to that taken by collectors of taxes, except as to the title of the office. The Commission may pay the premiums on all bonds. All checks issued by the Commission shall be signed by the Secretary-Treasurer and countersigned by one member of the Commission.