

the Director of Planning in the performance of his duties] *which shall constitute an Advisory Board for the Department of State Planning.* The State Planning Commission shall consist of [nine] seven members, [seven of whom shall be] appointed by the [Governor] *Secretary of State Planning*, of whom none shall be persons holding a salaried State office, selected, as far as possible, to reflect different broad geographic, economic and social interests in the State. They shall serve for four-year terms, beginning as of June 1 in the year in which appointed, and until their successors are appointed, except that of the members originally appointed four shall be appointed for a two-year term and the remainder for a four-year term. MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND IN OFFICE ON JULY 1, 1969, SHALL CONTINUE IN OFFICE UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THEIR TERMS. The [Governor] *Secretary* shall fill by appointment any vacancy for the unexpired balance of a member's term. [Two members of the Commission shall be ex officio members, one of whom shall be a member of the House of Delegates of Maryland to be designated by the Speaker thereof, and the other of whom shall be a member of the Senate of Maryland to be designated by the President thereof.] All members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The [Governor] *Secretary* shall appoint a chairman of the Commission. The State Planning Commission shall meet as often as necessary but at least twice each year, either on the call of the [Governor] *Secretary*, or on the call of the chairman. The chairman shall call a meeting of the Commission whenever requested to do so by the [Director] *Secretary of State Planning* or by any three members of the Commission. The [Director] *Deputy Secretary of State Planning* or [a] *another* staff member of the Department of State Planning designated by the [Director] *Secretary* shall serve as secretary to the Commission.

(b) The State Planning Commission may from time to time, *with the approval of the Secretary of State Planning*, establish subcommittees and may delegate such of its functions to subcommittees as it may deem appropriate. The chairman of the Planning Commission may appoint to membership of the subcommittees non-members of the Commission specially qualified in matters to be considered by such subcommittees. Unless authorized by a majority vote of the State Planning Commission, *and approved by the Secretary of State Planning*, the number of such special subcommittee members serving on any one subcommittee shall be less than the number of members of the State Planning Commission serving on such subcommittee. All members of a subcommittee shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

(c) *The State Planning Commission shall advise and report to the Secretary of State Planning on all matters submitted to it by the Secretary, such as, but not limited to, the State Development Plan, current operations and activities of the Department of State Planning, the needs of the State for further development, the establishment of regional or metropolitan planning areas, the effectiveness of the Department and its planning activities, and public awareness and understanding of the objectives and functions of State and local planning. The State Planning Commission may, with the*