

call of the Secretary or on the call of the chairman. The chairman shall call a meeting of the Commission whenever requested to do so by the Secretary [of State Planning] or by any three members of the Commission. The Secretary [of State Planning] shall designate another member of the staff of the Department [of State Planning], who shall serve as Secretary to the Commission in addition to his regular duties of employment with the Department [of State Planning].

(b) Subcommittees. —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 nonmembers 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) Advisory functions. —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 approval of the Secretary [of State Planning], hold public or private hearings and sponsor public forums in any part of the State whenever it deems it necessary or useful in connection with its advisory functions.

[5.] 7. Submission, ADOPTION, APPROVAL, filing and distribution of THE [State development] plan.

[Upon the preparation of the State development plan or of any substantial phase or part thereof, or upon the preparation of an amendment or revision of or addition to the State development plan, the Secretary of State Planning shall submit the same to the Governor, who may file it, together with his comments, in the office of the