responsible for assisting the Chief Administrative Officer in administering the Employees' Retirement System of Montgomery County and such other retirement systems that the County is funding.

- (b) Rules and regulations for administration. The Chief Administrative Officer shall establish rules and regulations for the administration of the retirement system, within the limitations of this Article, and may engage actuarial and other services and incur expenses as required to transact the business of the retirement system.
- (c) Payment of expenses. All expenses incurred in operating the retirement system will be paid from budget appropriations approved by the County Council or from the funds.
- (d) Legal advisor. The County Attorney shall be the legal advisor.
- (e) Certification by Personnel Director. At the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer the Personnel Director may certify all retirements and all benefits payable under the system.
- (f) Records. The Personnel Office shall keep a record of all proceedings, which shall be open to public inspection.
- (g) Hearings. The County Personnel Board may hold hearings when deemed necessary in the performance of its duties. The hearings will be governed by the rules and regulations provided in the Personnel Regulations, and the Board shall not be bound by technical rules of evidence.

SECTION IX. Section 48 (a), title "Composition" is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) Composition. The Retirement Hearing Board shall be composed of three members who are qualified voters of Montgomery County, with members appointed by the County Executive and subject to confirmation by the County Council. One member shall be appointed every other year for a term of six years, commencing July 1, or until their successors have been appointed. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of a term shall be appointed for the remainder of that term. No member of the Retirement Hearing Board may be a representative or agent of a County employee group, or a physician. The compensation of the members of the Retirement Hearing Board shall be fixed by the County Council and the