

[[(1)]] (A) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRMAN FROM AMONG THE COMMISSION MEMBERS, WHO SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR.

[[(2)]] (B) THE COMMISSION SHALL ANNUALLY ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHAIRMAN, THE VICE CHAIRMAN SHALL EXERCISE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CHAIRMAN.

[[(3)]] (C) THE COMMISSION SHALL HOLD REGULAR MEETINGS AT LEAST ONCE EVERY TWO MONTHS AND SPECIAL MEETINGS AT SUCH TIMES AS ITS CHAIRMAN MAY DETERMINE.

[[(4)]] (D) THE BUSINESS OF THE COMMISSION MAY NOT BE TRANSACTED IN THE ABSENCE OF A QUORUM WHICH SHALL BE SIX MEMBERS, ONE OF WHOM MUST BE THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN.

[[(5)]] (E) THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION, BUT SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR THEIR EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE OFFICIAL PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

[[(D)]] 96. POWERS AND DUTIES GENERALLY.

SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE [[SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES]] COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION, THE COMMISSION IS VESTED WITH THE FOLLOWING POWERS, AUTHORITY, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND DUTIES:

(1) TO MAINTAIN MINUTES OF ITS MEETINGS AND SUCH OTHER RECORDS AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY. [[STAFF SERVICES SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.]] STAFF SERVICES SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE STATE BOARD FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

(2) TO COOPERATE WITH AND ASSIST SCHOOLS IN THE CORRELATION OF ALL EMERGENCY SERVICES EDUCATION AND TRAINING COURSES AND ACTIVITIES.

(3) IN COOPERATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAM FOR ACCREDITATION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES INSTRUCTORS AND SCHOOLS BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND.

(4) IN CONSULTATION WITH INSTRUCTORS AND USERS, TO DEVELOP MINIMUM UNIFORM EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING STANDARDS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES INSTRUCTORS, USERS, AND SCHOOLS.

(5) IN COOPERATION WITH SCHOOLS, TO ASSIST IN HELPING TO ACHIEVE STANDARDIZATION OF COURSE CONTENT AND RECIPROCITY OF COLLEGE CREDITS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

(6) IN COOPERATION WITH APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A CURRENT