

(6) PERFORM ANY OTHER DUTY THAT THE AUTHORITY OR THE SECRETARY REQUIRES FOR CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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(A) QUORUM. - FOUR FIVE MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY ARE A QUORUM. HOWEVER, THE AUTHORITY MAY NOT ACT ON ANY MATTER UNLESS AT LEAST 4 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE CONCUR.

(B) MEETINGS. - THE AUTHORITY SHALL DETERMINE THE TIMES AND PLACES OF ITS MEETINGS.

(C) REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES. - EACH MEMBER OF THE AUTHORITY IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(D) STAFF. - (1) THE AUTHORITY MAY EMPLOY A STAFF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

(2) THE AUTHORITY SHALL APPOINT AND REMOVE ALL PERSONNEL, EXCEPT FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM LAW.

(E) PURCHASING PROCEDURES. - IN ITS INTERNAL FUNCTIONS, THE AUTHORITY SHALL FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES OF THE STATE THAT GOVERN THE PURCHASE OF OFFICE SPACE, SUPPLIES, FACILITIES, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

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(A) IN GENERAL. - ANY DETERMINATION BY THE AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW.

(B) FINDINGS, DETERMINATIONS, AGREEMENTS, OR BONDS NOT AFFECTED. - NEITHER THE EXISTENCE OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST NOR ANY VIOLATION OF THE MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW SHALL AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF ANY FINDING OR DETERMINATION MADE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBTITLE, OR THE ENFORCEABILITY OF ANY AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY THE AUTHORITY UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, OR THE VALIDITY OR ENFORCEABILITY OF ANY BONDS ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY.

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(A) AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY. - THE AUTHORITY EXERCISES ITS POWERS AND PERFORMS ITS DUTIES SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY.

(B) PERFORMANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS. - THE EXERCISE BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE POWERS GRANTED BY THIS SUBTITLE CONSTITUTES AN ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTION.