

(B) (1) (I) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF THE AUTHORITY.

(II) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL MANAGE THE ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS AND TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES OF THE AUTHORITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT THE BOARD ESTABLISHES.

(2) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ~~OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE,~~ SHALL:

(I) ATTEND ALL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD;

(II) ACT AS SECRETARY TO THE BOARD;

(III) KEEP MINUTES OF ALL ITS PROCEEDINGS;

(IV) APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR SALARIES, PER DIEM PAYMENTS, ALLOWABLE EXPENSES OF THE AUTHORITY, ITS EMPLOYEES OR CONSULTANTS, AND ANY EXPENSES INCIDENTAL TO THE OPERATION OF THE AUTHORITY; AND

(V) PERFORM THE OTHER DUTIES THAT THE BOARD DIRECTS IN CARRYING OUT THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) (1) THE BOARD SHALL APPROVE THE HIRING OF ANY ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL AND CLERICAL STAFF NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE AUTHORITY ARE NOT SUBJECT TO:

(I) DIVISION II OF THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE; OR

(II) THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION I OF THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE THAT GOVERN THE STATE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

(D) THE BOARD MAY ALSO ENGAGE ANY NECESSARY ACCOUNTANTS, ENGINEERS, LAWYERS, FINANCIAL ADVISORS, OR OTHER CONSULTANTS.

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THE AUTHORITY MAY:

(1) ADOPT BYLAWS FOR THE CONDUCT OF ITS BUSINESS;

(2) ADOPT A SEAL;

(3) MAINTAIN OFFICES IN THE STATE;

(4) APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT LOANS, GRANTS, OR ASSISTANCE OF ANY KIND FROM THE FEDERAL OR STATE GOVERNMENT, A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OR A PRIVATE SOURCE;

(5) ENTER INTO CONTRACTS OR OTHER LEGAL INSTRUMENTS;