

(2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

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In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this subtitle, the Authority may:

(1) Adopt and alter an official seal;

(2) Sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded;

(3) Adopt bylaws, rules, and regulations to carry out the provisions of this subtitle, in accordance with the provisions of Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the State Government Article;

(4) Maintain an office at such place as the Authority may designate;

(5) Employ, either as regular employees or independent contractors, consultants, engineers, architects, accountants, attorneys, financial experts, construction experts and personnel, superintendents, managers and other professional personnel, personnel, and agents as may be necessary in the judgment of the Authority, and fix their compensation;

(6) Appoint advisory committees composed of local officials, business interests, representatives of the convention, hotel, and tourism business, and such other experts as may be appropriate;

(7) Review and make recommendations on proposed convention center facilities, including the expansion and enhancement of the Baltimore City Convention Center, with respect to location, purpose, design, function, capacity, parking, costs, funding mechanisms, and revenue alternatives, with specific recommendations on:

- (i) The level of support from the private sector;
- (ii) The type of support from the private sector;
- (iii) Special taxing sources;
- (iv) Projected revenues;
- (v) Bonding authority and the source of debt service; and
- (vi) The fiscal impact on the State of any alternatives;

(8) [Subject to the provisions of § 13-709 of this subtitle, determine] DETERMINE the locations of, develop, establish, construct, erect, acquire, own, repair, remodel, add to, extend, improve, equip, operate, regulate, [and] maintain, AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING COSTS OF facilities to the extent necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Authority;

(9) Subject to the provisions of § 13-711 of this subtitle, acquire, hold, lease (AS LESSOR OR LESSEE), use, encumber, transfer, or dispose of real and personal property;