

(iii) A member of the General Assembly who is appointed under this paragraph serves until a successor is appointed. If a council member appointed under this paragraph is not a member of the General Assembly, the member shall serve for a 3-year term in accordance with paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection.

(c) In making the appointments, the Governor shall give due consideration to the recommendations made by the representatives of civic, educational and professional organizations concerned with or engaged in the production or presentation of the performing, visual or creative arts and shall provide balanced geographic representation.

(d) Members of the Maryland State Arts Council shall serve without compensation, but each member shall be reimbursed for necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of official duties in accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations.

(e) The Council shall select annually from its membership a chairman, a vice-chairman and a secretary-treasurer.

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Meetings of the Council shall be called by the chairman or the Secretary. The Council shall meet at least 4 times annually.

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(a) The Council shall have the power and authority necessary to carry out the duties imposed upon it by this subtitle and subject to the approval of the Secretary, including but not limited to the following:

(1) Continuing all programs and activities and assuming all assets, liabilities, contracts, leases and other such obligations of the body formerly known as the Governor's Council on the Arts in Maryland.

(2) Adopting reasonable rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of this subtitle.

(3) Entering into contracts and agreements.

(4) Engaging services.

(5) Requesting and obtaining from any department, division, board, bureau, commission or other agency of the State, such assistance and data as will enable it properly to carry out its powers and duties hereunder.

(6) Accepting any federal funds granted by act of Congress or by executive order for any and all of the purposes of this subtitle.

(7) Accepting any gifts, donations or bequests for any or all of the purposes of this subtitle.

(b) The Council, subject to the approval of the Secretary, shall appoint, from without its members, an executive director of the Council.