

(b) The Board shall determine the times and places of meetings.

(c) A member of the Board:

(1) May not receive compensation;

(2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations; and

(3) Shall file a public disclosure of financial interests as required under the Maryland Public Ethics Law.

(d) (1) The Board:

(i) Shall appoint [an] A PROGRAM executive director who is in the executive service of the State Personnel Management System; and

(ii) May employ additional staff in accordance with the budget.

(2) (i) Except for employees described in subparagraph (ii) or (iii) of this paragraph, the employees shall be skilled service employees subject to the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article that govern skilled service employees.

(ii) An employee is in the professional service and subject to the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article that govern professional service employees if the position:

1. Requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of science or learning customarily acquired by a course of specialized intellectual instruction and study; and

2. Normally requires a professional license, an advanced degree, or both.

(iii) An employee is in the management service and subject to the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article that govern management service employees if the position:

1. Primarily involves direct responsibility for the oversight and management of personnel and financial resources;

2. Requires the exercise of discretion and independent judgment; and

3. Is not in the executive service.

(3) The Board may retain the services of consultants, administrators, and other personnel, as necessary, to administer the [Program] TRUST or the Plan.

(4) The budget for THE PROGRAM, the Board, and its staff is subject to review by the General Assembly for information purposes only.