

(2) Each member of a local board shall:

(i) be a citizen who has demonstrated an interest in minor children through community service, professional experience, or similar activities; or

(ii) have a background in law, sociology, psychology, psychiatry, education, social work, or medicine.

(c) (1) The term of a member is 4 years.

(2) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(3) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

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(a) From among its members, each local board shall elect a [chairman] CHAIR by majority vote.

(b) The term of the [chairman] CHAIR is 4 years.

5-543.

(a) A member of a local board OR LOCAL PANEL may not receive compensation.

(b) Each member of a local board OR LOCAL PANEL is subject to the same standards of confidentiality as an employee of the Administration.

5-544.

The goals of each local board are:

[(1) subject to § 5-545 of this subtitle, as to minor children who have resided in out-of-home placement under the jurisdiction of the local department for more than 6 months:

(i) to review the cases every 6 months to determine what efforts have been made to acquire permanent and stable placement for these children; and

(ii) to encourage and facilitate the return of each of these children to the child's parent or, on determining that return of a child to the child's parent is not in the best interests of the child, to encourage placement of the child with