(2)   THE EXERCISE BY THE CORPORATION OF THE POWERS CONFERRED BY THIS SUBTITLE IS DEEMED TO BE THE PERFORMANCE OF AN ESSENTIAL PUBLIC FUNCTION.

(C)   (1)   THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION SHALL MANAGE THE AFFAIRS OF THE CORPORATION AND SHALL EXERCISE ALL OF ITS CORPORATE POWERS.

(2)   THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL CONSIST OF 16 32 MEMBERS, AS FOLLOWS:

(I)   THE MAYOR OF BALTIMORE OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE SERVING EX OFFICIO;

(II)   ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

(III)   THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE OR THE CHAIRMAN'S DESIGNEE, AND TWO OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, ALL APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE CONTINUING COORDINATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CORPORATION AND THE COMMISSION AND TO ASSURE CONSISTENCY WITH THE STATEWIDE PROGRAMS AND MANDATES OF THE COMMISSION;

(III) (IV)   FOUR REPRESENTATIVES OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORICAL OR CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE STATE, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND

(IV) (V)   TEN TWENTY-THREE MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WHO HAVE EXPERTISE IN AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY, CULTURE, MUSEUMS, OR RELATED AREAS, HAVE EXPERTISE IN FUND RAISING, OR REPRESENT THE DIVERSITY OF COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE THAT CAN BENEFIT FROM THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CORPORATION.

(3)   THE MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE BOARD SHALL REPRESENT THE GEOGRAPHIC MAKEUP OF THE STATE, AND SHALL BE RACIALLY AND ETHNICALLY DIVERSE.

(4)   THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

(3) (5)   THE TERM OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD, EXCLUDING THE EX OFFICIO MEMBER, IS 4 YEARS.

(4) (6)   BEFORE TAKING OFFICE, EACH APPOINTEE TO THE BOARD SHALL TAKE THE OATH REQUIRED BY ARTICLE I, § 9 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION.

(5) (7)   THE TERMS OF MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED.

(6) (8)   AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.