

16B.357 MINNESOTA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INFRASTRUCTURE.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment; purpose.** (a) The Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure is established as provided under sections 16B.356 to 16B.359.

(b) The purpose of the council is to define and maintain a vision for the future of Minnesota's infrastructure that provides for its proper management, coordination, and investment.

Subd. 2. **Voting membership.** The council consists of the following voting members:

- (1) two members appointed by the governor;
- (2) two members appointed by the senate majority leader;
- (3) two members appointed by the senate minority leader;
- (4) two members appointed by the speaker of the house;
- (5) two members appointed by the house minority leader; and
- (6) one member appointed by the Indian Affairs Council.

Subd. 3. **Nonvoting membership.** The council consists of the following nonvoting members:

- (1) the commissioner of administration;
- (2) the commissioner of agriculture;
- (3) the commissioner of commerce;
- (4) the commissioner of employment and economic development;
- (5) the commissioner of health;
- (6) the commissioner of management and budget;
- (7) the commissioner of natural resources;
- (8) the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency;
- (9) the commissioner of transportation;
- (10) the commissioner of Iron Range resources and rehabilitation;
- (11) the chair of the Metropolitan Council;
- (12) the chair of the Board of Water and Soil Resources;
- (13) the executive director of the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority;
- (14) the chancellor of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities; and
- (15) the president of the University of Minnesota.

Subd. 4. **Voting members; appointment requirements.** (a) An appointing authority under subdivision 2 may only appoint an individual who has direct and practical expertise and experience, whether from the public or private sector, in any of the following:

(1) asset management in one or more of the areas of planning, design, construction, management, or operations and maintenance, for: (i) drinking water; (ii) wastewater; (iii) stormwater; (iv) transportation; (v) energy; or (vi) communications;

(2) financial management and procurement; or

(3) regional asset management across jurisdictions and infrastructure sectors.

(b) Each appointing authority under subdivision 2, clauses (1) to (5), must appoint one individual who resides in a metropolitan county, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 4, and one individual who resides outside of a metropolitan county.

(c) No current legislator may be appointed to the council.

(d) Prior to making appointments, the appointing authorities under subdivision 2 must coordinate and provide for:

(1) geographic representation throughout the state;

(2) representation for all major types of infrastructure assets; and

(3) representation from the public and private sectors.

Subd. 5. **Voting members; recommendations for appointment.** Each appointing authority under subdivision 2 must acknowledge and give consideration to appointment recommendations made by interested stakeholders, including but not limited to:

(1) the Association of Minnesota Counties;

(2) the League of Minnesota Cities;

(3) the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities;

(4) the Minnesota Association of Townships;

(5) the Minnesota Chapter of the American Public Works Association;

(6) the Associated General Contractors of Minnesota;

(7) a labor union representing the building trades;

(8) a public utility;

(9) the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association;

(10) the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce;

(11) the Minnesota section of the American Water Works Association;

(12) the Minnesota Rural Water Association; and

(13) the Minnesota Rural Electric Association.

Subd. 6. **Nonvoting members; delegation.** (a) Notwithstanding section 15.06, subdivision 6, an individual specified under subdivision 3 may appoint a designee to serve on the council only as provided in this subdivision.

(b) An individual specified under subdivision 3 may appoint a designee who serves on an ongoing basis to exercise the powers and duties as a nonvoting council member under this section. The designation must be made by written order, filed with the secretary of state. The designee must be a public employee who is:

- (1) a deputy commissioner or deputy director;
- (2) an assistant commissioner;
- (3) an immediate subordinate of the appointing authority;
- (4) a director of a relevant office; or

(5) if the appointing authority is the chair of a board or council specified under subdivision 3, another member of that board or council.

Subd. 7. **Officers.** (a) The council must elect from among its voting members a chair, or cochairs, and vice-chair. As necessary, the council may elect other council members to serve as officers.

(b) The chair is responsible for convening meetings of the council and setting each meeting agenda.

Subd. 8. **Council actions.** (a) A majority of the council, including voting and nonvoting members and excluding vacancies, is a quorum.

(b) The council may conduct business as provided under section 13D.015.

Subd. 9. **Compensation; terms; removal; vacancies.** The compensation, membership terms, filling of vacancies, and removal of members on the council are as provided in section 15.0575.

Subd. 10. **Open Meeting Law.** The council is subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law under chapter 13D.

Subd. 11. **Data practices.** The council is subject to the Minnesota Data Practices Act under chapter 13.

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