

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §18-9D-1

## **§18-9D-1. School Building Authority; powers.**

(a) The School Building Authority consists of eleven members, including the Governor or designee; the State Superintendent of Schools, ex officio; three members of the state Board of Education, elected by the state board; and six citizens of the state, appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who are knowledgeable in matters relevant to the issues addressed by the authority, one of whom is representative of the interests of the construction trades.

(b) Citizen members are appointed for three-year terms, which are staggered in accordance with the initial appointments under prior enactment of this section. State Board of Education members are elected for three-year terms and may not be elected to serve additional consecutive terms or portions thereof.

(c) The Governor or designee serves as chair. The authority shall annually elect one of its public members as vice chair and shall appoint a secretary, who need not be a member of the Authority and who shall keep records of its proceedings.

(d) The Governor appoints an executive director of the Authority, with the advice and consent of the Senate, who serves at the Governor's will and pleasure. The director is responsible for managing and administering the daily functions of the authority and for performing all other functions necessary to the effective operation of the authority.

(e) The Governor may remove any appointed member for incompetency, neglect of duty, moral turpitude or malfeasance in office. If the Governor removes a member, the Governor shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

(f) The School Building Authority shall meet at least quarterly and the citizen members shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred in the performance of their official duties in a manner consistent with guidelines of the travel management office of the Department of Administration from funds appropriated or otherwise made available for such purpose upon submission of an itemized statement.

(g) The acts performed by the members of the state Board of Education in their capacity as members of the School Building Authority are solely the acts of the authority.