

Examine the makeup of the PDC, specifically whether the Commission should include General Assembly members.

Overview:

State code requires that PDCs be made up of a majority of elected officials. Since 2000 General Assembly members have had seats on the PDC Board and count toward that majority of elected officials.

At the September 2020 Executive Committee meeting the Committee asked that we poll the General Assembly members to find out their interest in serving on the PDC. Only Terry Austin responded asking about the frequency of the meetings.

Currently State Senator Mark Peake continues to serve on the PDC. The Delegate seat has been vacant for eighteen months.

Because General Assembly Members count toward our elected official majority, it's likely that an overall re-examination of how we constitute the PDC Board would be an outcome of this examination if we move forward.

Any change will require a charter change to be approved by six of our member jurisdictions after the proposed amendments have been circulated to all of the member jurisdictions.

Recommended Action:

If the Commission wishes to pursue alternatives to General Assembly member membership on the PDC, then staff will lead a discussion of options at a future PDC meeting.