

# University Area Commission – Governance Committee

Agenda - August 3, 2016

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According to Article IV Section 7: The Governance Committee shall:

- a. Implement these by laws and elections rules as required;
  - b. Research the effectiveness and applicability of these by laws and make recommendations to the Commission for amendments to the by laws;
  - c. Conduct the orientation of new commissioners;
  - d. Coordinate the internal activities of the Commission.
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Agenda:

1. Open discussion on by law changes we completed first reading in July 2016

- **Motion to change UAC By Law Article II, Section 4:**

Section 4. Vacancies shall be filled as follows:

- a. If a vacancy occurs in a district seat on the Commission because of resignation, death, disqualification, or other means, the Corresponding Secretary shall give public notice of the vacancy at least thirty (30) days before the date on which the Commission will vote to recommend a candidate to fill the vacancy. After providing an opportunity for persons interested in filling the vacancy to indicate their interest to the Commission, the Commission shall vote according to article I section 7 to select a candidate to fill the vacancy until the next Annual Meeting.
    1. Notice of a vacancy shall be given in the agenda, given to each unsuccessful candidate, including write-in candidates, from that district in the last election and shall be made to the public.
    2. At the next Annual Election, a member shall also be elected to complete the unexpired term in accord with Article VI of these By Laws.
  - ~~b. If a vacancy occurs in an organization or group seat on the Commission because of resignation, death, disqualification, or other means, the Corresponding Secretary shall give notice to the organization or group to fill the vacancy in the same manner as set forth in Article II, Section 1(b) and 1(c), to serve until the next Annual Meeting.~~
  - b. If a vacancy occurs in an organization seat as defined in 1(b), the Corresponding Secretary shall give notice to the organization to appoint someone to serve the remainder of that term.**
  - c. If a vacancy occurs in a group seat as defined in 1(c), the Corresponding Secretary shall issue a public call for nominations from organizations defined in 1(c). The Commission will vote on nominees at the Commission meeting immediately following the public announcements, and the accepted nominee(s) will serve the remainder of that term.**
  - ~~d. The Corresponding Secretary shall send written notice of the candidate endorsed by the Commission to the Office of the Mayor and the Department of Development, pursuant to C.C. 3109.08.~~
- **Motion to change UAC By Law Article VI, Section 1:**

Section 1 Elections shall be held on the **first and third** Wednesday preceding the first Saturday in ~~November and again on the first Saturday~~ in November of each year. All elections shall be secret ballot. Elections shall be determined by plurality vote.

2. Discuss proposed Election Rules changes

• **Election Rule Changes:**

- **Election Rule 7.1 reads:** The polls shall be open from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm on the Wednesday preceding the first Saturday in November. On the first Saturday in November the Polls shall be open from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.
  - **Proposed change:**
    - The polls shall be open from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm. ~~on the Wednesday preceding the first Saturday in November. On the first Saturday in November the Polls shall be open from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.~~
- **Election Rule 2.10 reads:** Ballots, registers and other papers are to be shredded after January 31 and no later than February 28 in the year of the election, unless there are challenges to be resolved and the ballots shall be destroyed after their resolution.
  - **Proposed Changes:**
    - Ballots, registers and ~~other papers~~ **election materials** are to be ~~shredded~~ **destroyed** no ~~later~~ **earlier** than February 28 **1 and before March 1** in the ~~year of the election~~, calendar year when the Commissioners were seated following the elections, unless there are challenges to be resolved and the ballots shall be destroyed after their resolution.
    - This change to the election rules needs further review to take into consideration the City of Columbus document retention policy stating:

Election material, results and correspondence	<b>Retain 3 years, then destroy with RC3</b>
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3. Discuss items brought by the election Committee

- Including a survey of people who have run in recent elections
  - Do we feel this would provide valuable information the Commission can act on?
- Special focus on those who ran as write in candidates to understand concerns with that process
  - Is the write-in process broken or is the future way to for everyone to run for election?
- Consider changing election back to just one day, this would require a by law change
  - Confirm what by laws need to be changed

Committee Members 2016 Commission Year

Commissioner	Present	Absent	Excused
Doreen Uhas-Sauer			
Sharon Young			
Steve Volkmann			
Rachel Beeman			
Alex Wesaw			
David Hegley			

Note: Agenda subject to change