



R-23-005

Bylaws Committee
amended by General Body on 03/18/2023

BYLAWS AMENDMENT REGARDING VOTING AND NON-VOTING MEMBERS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Atlanta City Code Part 6 (Budget and Planning), Chapter 4 (Boards and Commissions), Article A (Atlanta Planning Advisory Board), the Atlanta Planning Advisory Board (APAB) has been created by the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, Atlanta City Code, at Sec. 6-4001(a), provides that APAB shall be composed of 25 voting members; and

WHEREAS, Atlanta City Code, at Sec. 6-4001(b), provides that the chair of each neighborhood planning committee or the designee of the neighborhood planning committee shall have one vote; and

WHEREAS, Atlanta City Code, at Sec. 6-4003(1), provides that APAB may prepare its own bylaws, not inconsistent with state law or city ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Department of City Planning (DCP) has recommended that APAB clarify its bylaws to distinguish between voting and non-voting members; and

WHEREAS, amending APAB's bylaws to identify and acknowledge non-voting members does not preclude continuing discussion to resolve any conflicts between APAB's position and DCP's.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Atlanta Planning Advisory Board (APAB or "Board") that APAB's bylaws that currently reads:

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERS

This Board shall be composed of up to seventy-five (75) members, twenty-five (25) NPU Chairs, twenty-five (25) delegates and twenty-five (25) alternate delegates. The NPU Chairperson, the official board member, shall have the right to serve on the board or appoint a delegate or the alternate delegate. Each Neighborhood Planning Unit shall have one (1) vote. Each year, by December 31st, NPU Chairpersons shall submit to the President and Recording Secretary of APAB and the NPU Coordinator the name, address, home and cell phone numbers of both the delegate and alternate delegate for the ensuing year. Failure to timely provide this information will result in both the new NPU representative's ineligibility to vote at Board meetings and the continued service of the sitting board member until either of the following occurs: (1) the NPU Chair identifies a replacement, (2) the board member resigns or (3) the APAB presiding officer both recognizes and seats the new and alternate delegates. The minutes shall reflect the identity and appointment of the new NPU representative. The Delegate shall have the first right to vote, then if absent or demurs, then Alternate-delegate, and lastly the NPU Chair.



Is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERS

Section 1 – Voting Members

The Atlanta Planning Advisory Board (APAB) shall be composed of twenty-five (25) voting members. The chair or designee of each Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) shall have one vote.

At least thirty (30) days prior to the annual organizational meeting, the chair of each NPU shall submit to the President, Secretary, and Department of City Planning the name, mailing address, email address, and telephone number of the designated member for the subsequent year.

Section 2 – Non-Voting Members

Each NPU may designate up to one (1) representative to serve as a non-voting member of APAB. Non-voting members may serve as committee chairs, fully participate as committee members, and participate in general body meetings with the exception of making motions and voting.

At least thirty (30) days prior to the annual organizational meeting, the chair of each NPU shall submit to the Secretary the name, mailing address, email address, and telephone number of any non-voting members for the subsequent year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Article V, Section 1, of APAB's bylaws be amended so that it reads as follows (with permanent deletions in strikethrough font):

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND ELECTION

Section 1.

The Officers of the Board shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary and Parliamentarian. These Officers shall be elected from the ~~voting~~ members of the Board as defined herein and shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws. Employees of the City of Atlanta may serve as voting members on the Board but may not serve as Officers of APAB. All candidates for office must be current members of APAB three (3) months prior to the official vote.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article X (Bylaws) Section 1 (Amendment of Bylaws), APAB's bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting and provided that notice of the intent to consider said amendment(s) has been included in the notice of the meeting mailed to each member as provided for in the bylaws.



So resolved, this __ day of _____, 2023.

Anne Phillips, APAB President