

AAC By-laws amendment proposed 2024-12-11

Rule 3. Officers and Staff

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(b) Elections. The President and Vice President are elected at the first regular meeting of the Commission after the first day of ~~November~~ January of each year. Incumbents may ~~not~~ succeed themselves in office once. ~~The office of President and Vice President shall be rotated among the Commission members, with the Vice President succeeding to the office of President the following year. If the Vice President declines to accept the nomination as President, the President shall be elected from among the other members excluding the incumbent.~~

(c) Terms. The President and the Vice President take office at the end of the meeting on the date of their election. They hold office for one year or until their successors are elected. An officer may succeed themselves in office once, and may be elected again after no less than 12 months.

Each may be removed from office for misconduct in office or repeated neglect of duty by the votes of three members after reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard. If a vacancy occurs in either office for any reason, a successor will be elected at the next regular meeting to serve until the next regular election.

SUMMARY:

These changes permit officers (president and vice-president to succeed themselves one time. They may be elected again after no less than one year.

This removes the requirement for strict rotation of the presidency.

COMMENT:

Many projects, such as ABE require continuity. The one year limit is unusual among city commissions. Nevertheless, officers may only succeed themselves once, allowing two years in office.

The rotation requirement was added at the request of Commissioner Rosalyn Baltimore after the commission re-elected one person as president many times. This proposal preserves that goal by limiting tenure in office.