

Simplified Draft Templates: Governance Bodies

- This document displays proposed draft template components for two proposed types of governance bodies.
- The language in this draft is simplified for ease of reading.
- At the 8/6 meeting, the Task Force will decide whether both templates are needed.

Overview of Proposed Types of Bodies

Protected Governance Commissions	Governance Commissions
The purpose is to oversee and direct certain core City operations that should be insulated from political pressures.	The purpose is to provide additional oversight and direction to the work of a City department.
Applies to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bodies that oversee departments, funds, or other City functions that should be insulated from political pressures due to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Oversight of assets or funds that require long-term outlook to manage appropriately○ The body making decisions have the potential to directly impact the job or compensation of elected officials.	Applies to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bodies that oversee departments and have some decision-making authority, meaning their decisions are binding.

Simplified Draft Template Components

Note that these are proposed components that will be discussed at the 8/6 task force meeting.

Category	Component	Protected Governance Commissions	Governance Commissions
Commissioner Attributes and Processes	Appointing Authority	Split appointments	MYR appointments
	Appointment Confirmations	No confirmations; BOS may veto	No confirmations; BOS may veto
	Commissioner Removals	For cause	At will; BOS may veto
	Term Lengths	4 year term lengths	4 year term lengths
	Term Limits	3 terms maximum	3 terms maximum
	Qualifications	Should be decided by body; require statement indicating why an appointee is qualified if no specifics required.	Should be decided by body; require statement indicating why an appointee is qualified if no specifics required.
	Compensation and Benefits	Keep current compensation approach. No health benefits.	Keep current compensation approach. No health benefits for future bodies.
Commission Operations and Attributes	Establishing Authority	Charter	Charter
	Sunset Dates	None	None
	Commission Size	5 – 7 members	5 – 7 members
Required Outputs	Required Outputs	Statement of purpose. Reaffirm at regular intervals.	Statement of purpose. Reaffirm at regular intervals.
Role in Department Oversight	Hiring and Firing Authority	Have hiring and firing authority	Consultative responsibilities only
	Policy-Making	Authority to set policy	Consultative responsibilities only
	Contract Approval	Yes	Consultative responsibilities only
	Budget Approval	Yes	Yes
	Employee Discipline	No role except where currently legally required	No role except where currently legally required
	Performance Review	Key role. Details determined by body.	Key role. Details determined by body.
	Additional Authority Over Department or City Operations	Depends on individual body; may set rates and fees	Depends on individual body; may set rates and fees