

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 05-0259
(First Reader)**

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Baltimore Area
Convention and Visitors Association, Baltimore Convention Center

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Creation of the Baltimore Convention Center Board**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Board for the Baltimore Convention Center, providing for the
4 appointment and terms of the members; providing for the appointment of the Chair;
5 establishing the powers and duties of the Baltimore Convention Center Board, repealing
6 certain obsolete provisions, and generally relating to the creation of a Baltimore Convention
7 Center Board.

8 BY repealing

9 Article 1- Mayor, City Council and Municipal Agencies
10 Subtitle 13- Convention Complex
11 Baltimore City Code
12 (Edition 2000)

13 By Adding

14 Article 1- Mayor, City Council and Municipal Agencies
15 Subtitle 13- Baltimore Convention Center Board

16 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
17 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

18 **Baltimore City Code**

19 **Article 1 - Mayor, City Council and Municipal Agencies**

20 **SUBTITLE 13- BALTIMORE CONVENTION CENTER BOARD**

21 **§ 13-1. Definitions**

22 (A) *IN GENERAL*

23 IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

1 (B) *BACVA*.

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3 “BACVA” MEANS THE BALTIMORE AREA CONVENTION AND VISITORS ASSOCIATION.

4 (C) *BOARD*.

5 “BOARD” MEANS THE BOARD OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE BALTIMORE CONVENTION
6 CENTER BOARD.

7 (D) *CENTER*.

8 “CENTER” MEANS BALTIMORE CONVENTION CENTER.

9 **§13-2. General Powers**

10 (A) *IN GENERAL*.

11 (1) THE AUTHORITY MAY EXERCISE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING POWERS, EITHER SINGLY OR
12 IN ANY COMBINATION, IN EACH INSTANCE TO THE EXTENT THE BOARD DETERMINES IS
13 NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT TO ACHIEVE THE PURPOSES OF THE AUTHORITY;

14 (2) THE CREATION AND MONITORING OF SHORT TERM AND LONG RANGE PERFORMANCE
15 GOALS;

16 (3) APPROVAL AND OVERSIGHT OF CENTER YEARLY BUDGETS PRIOR TO ITS SUBMISSION TO
17 THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES; AND

18 (4) MONITORING AND OVERSIGHT OF CENTERS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BACVA.

19 **§13-3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS- IN GENERAL**

20 (A) *ESTABLISHED*

21 (1) THE BOARD CONSISTS OF NOT LESS THAN 9 MEMBERS, AND NOT MORE THAN 15
22 MEMBERS;

23 _____(I)_EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

24 (A) 1 MEMBER APPOINTED BY CITY COUNCIL;

25 (B) THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OR DESIGNEE;

26 (C) THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE;

27 (D) THE PRESIDENT OR DESIGNEE OF BACVA.

28 (II) ALL REMAINING MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR AND CONFIRMED
29 BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

1 (B) *QUALIFICATIONS.*

2 (1) EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD MUST BE:

3 (I) A RESIDENT OF BALTIMORE CITY; AND

4 (II) A PERSON OF ABILITY, RELEVANT EXPERIENCE, AND INTEGRITY.

5 (C) *TERM.*

6 (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 3 YEARS.

7 (2) THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED
8 FOR THE MEMBERS FIRST APPOINTED TO THE BOARD.

9 (D) *VACANCIES.*

10 (1) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL HIS OR HER
11 SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

12 (2) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES ONLY FOR THE REST
13 OF THE TERM AND UNTIL HIS OR HER SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

14 (3) MEMBERS MAY BE APPOINTED TO SUCCEED THEMSELVES. HOWEVER, A MEMBER MAY
15 NOT SERVE MORE THAN 2 CONSECUTIVE FULL TERMS.

16 (E) *REMOVAL.*

17 THE MAYOR OR CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, AS THE CASE MAY BE, MAY REMOVE AT WILL
18 ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD APPOINTED BY HIM OR HER.

19 (F) *COMPENSATION; EXPENSES.*

20 (1) A MEMBER MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION.

21 (2) THE BOARD MAY ESTABLISH RULES GOVERNING PAYMENT OF OR REIMBURSEMENT
22 FOR EXPENSES INCURRED BY A MEMBER IN THE DISCHARGE OF HIS OR HER DUTIES.

23 **§ 13-4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS — OFFICERS; STAFF; DELEGATION.**

24 (A) *OFFICERS..*

25 (1) THE MAYOR DESIGNATES THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD.

26 (2) FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS, THE BOARD MUST SELECT ANY OFFICERS THAT THE
27 BOARD DETERMINES.

28 (B) *STAFF*

29 THE BOARD MAY SELECT STAFF AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES.

1 **§ 13-9. BOARD OF DIRECTORS — QUORUM; OPEN MEETINGS; PUBLIC RECORDS.**

2 (A) *QUORUM.*

3 MAJORITY OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

4 (B) *OPEN MEETINGS.*

5 ALL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD MUST BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE
6 OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

7 (C) *PUBLIC RECORDS.*

8 ALL RECORDS OF THE BOARD MUST BE OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH
9 THE STATE PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT.

10 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
11 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
12 Ordinance.

13 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
14 after the date it is enacted.