

The entire membership of the Hampton Roads Partnership serves as the Board of Directors. Bylaws currently state that the Board of Directors shall be not less than thirty (30) nor more than one hundred fifty (150) in number.

The Executive Committee, the Board's governing body, consists of the Officers of the Corporation, i.e. Chair (or Co-Chairs), Vice Chair (or Co-Vice Chairs), President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Committee also includes the currently appointed Navy Liaison and the Executive Director of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission and the Chair of the Chief Administrative Officers as Ex-Officio members.



The Officers and other appointed Directors to the Executive Committee serve one year terms or until their successors are appointed. The President serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. Other Directors may be appointed to the Executive Committee by the full Board of Directors from time to time (there is no limit on the number of individuals that may serve on the Executive Committee).

The Board is comprised of Fixed Directors who serve for as long as they remain in their

respective office. Fixed Directors include:

- the chief elected official, i.e. "Mayors and Chairs," of all seventeen Hampton Roads communities: cities of Chesapeake, Franklin, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach and Williamsburg; counties of Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, Southampton, Surry, York; and the town of Smithfield."
- the Executive Director of the Virginia Port Authority
- the Chair of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

The Board is also comprised of Elected Directors made up of community leaders from the private business sector, industries, professions, Chambers of Commerce, civic associations, higher and secondary education, and labor from both South Hampton Roads and the Virginia Peninsula.

Elected Directors are chosen annually by the Chair-appointed Nominating Committee, who, in the opinion of the Nominating Committee, can make a contribution to the Corporation. Elected Directors are recommended by the Nominating Committee and shall include at least three (3) of the Presidents of the four-year post-secondary educational institutions located in Hampton Roads.

One-third of the Elected Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of those present at the regular annual meeting of the Board, and each Elected Director shall hold office for the term of three years or until a successor is elected. Note: The bylaws do not limit board members from serving consecutive terms.

Senior officers of the Military Commands, including the Navy, Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, and Marines Joint Forces, located in Hampton Roads may also be nominated by the Nominating Committee and approved by the full Board to serve as non-voting Liaisons to the Corporation, consistent with military policy and regulations.

The Nominating Committee is responsible for nominating persons to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors or Executive Committee, which occur during the year or as their terms end and to establish procedures whereby Directors shall be provided the opportunity to present nominations for Officers and new Directors of the Corporation.

