

Local and Regional Boards and Commissions

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Board of Zoning Appeals

- Meet on “as needed” basis
- City
- Staff Contact: Director of Planning & Community Development

The board’s responsibilities consist of hearing and deciding appeals of zoning determinations and decisions. If an individual believes that a determination made by the Zoning Administrator, or a decision reached by the Planning Commission, is incorrect, he or she can appeal the decision to the Board of Zoning Appeals. In Buena Vista, it is solely a judicial body and possesses no legislative or ministerial authority. Each member of the board serves five-year terms and is appointed by the Circuit Court.

Cemetery Committee (Green Hill Cemetery)

- Meet on “as needed” basis
- City
- Staff Contact: Director of Public Works

The board’s responsibilities consist of

Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission Board

- Meet every 3rd Monday of the month
- Regional
- Staff Contact: Director of Planning & Community Development

Each member of the board serves three-year terms. The Planning District Commission, which serves a multi-county area in the lower Shenandoah Valley, provides planning services for comprehensive and land use planning, transportation, water and waste water utilities, natural resource management, solid waste management, affordable housing, economic and community development, disaster mitigation and preparedness education, and human services. The Commission also assists local government with planning and public administration, fiscal management, grant applications, project development and implementation. The Board of the Commission is comprised of elected officials and provides input to the Commission staff.

Dabney S. Lancaster Community College Local Board

- Meet Mondays 4:00 pm
- Regional
- Staff Contact: n/a

The board is comprised of ten members, each member serving four-year terms. The board is responsible for serving as a channel of communication between the State Board of Community Colleges and the government of local political subdivisions. The board recommends to the State Board the master site plans for the college and its campuses, approves capital outlay plan for parking and reserve funds for parking from local government for the construction, repair, and maintenance of parking; and participates in the selection, evaluation, and removal of the college president. Other responsibilities include eliciting community participation in program

planning and development, establishing local citizen advisory committees for specialized programs and curricula, reviewing new curriculum proposals and program discontinuation proposals, and overseeing the development and evaluation of the college's community service program. The board reviews and approves local funds budgets, in addition to approving local regulations on student conduct.

Economic Development Authority

- Meet on "as needed" basis
- City
- Staff Contact: Director of Economic Development

The EDA is responsible for approving, financing, and executing economic development incentives. This includes owning real estate; the EDA currently owns multiple undeveloped industrial-zoned properties in the City. The EDA has the legal authority to transact money, own property, and issue debt. The EDA also reviews and approves applications for the Façade Improvement Grant Program and the Revolving Loan Fund.

Board of Equalization

- Meet on "as needed" basis
- City
- Staff Contact: Commissioner of Revenue

The Board of Equalization hears appeals of real estate assessments. It is comprised of an appraiser, a realtor, and a contractor, all of whom must be residents of the City. Members are approved by a Judge.

Maury Service Authority

- Meet on "as needed" basis
- Regional
- Staff Contact: Jordan Combs, Maury Service Authority Executive Director

The Maury Service Authority (MSA) owns and operates the water and sewer systems that primarily serve Lexington and Rockbridge County. The MSA buys water from the City of Buena Vista PSA, and the City holds a seat on this board.

Planning Commission

- Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each Month
- City
- Staff Contact: Director of Planning & Community Development

The Planning Commission is responsible for long-range land use planning, including the Comprehensive Plan; approval of zoning changes; and approval of development projects. This includes zoning map and text amendments, conditional use permits, site plans, and variances. The Planning Commission also serves as the Architectural Review Board of the Seminary Hill

Historic District and reviews and approves Certificates of Appropriateness for projects within the District. Members of the Planning Commission serve four-year terms.

Public Recreational Facilities Authority

- Meet on “as needed” basis
- City
- Staff Contact: Director of Parks and Recreation

The Authority is responsible for financing, acquisition, construction, equipping, operation and maintenance of public recreational facilities for the benefit of the City. The Authority is not involved in the daily operations of parks and recreation but focuses on financing and major capital improvements. Members serve four year terms.

Buena Vista Public Service Authority

- Meet on “as needed” basis
- City
- Staff Contact: Director of Public Works

The PSA owns the water production and distribution facilities and the wastewater collection and treatment facilities that serve the City. The City Council is the board of the PSA.

Rockbridge Area Community Services Board

- Meet 4th Wednesday of every month, 3:30 pm
- Regional
- Staff Contact: Chief of Police

Members serve four year terms. The board was established to help prevent and treat mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse. They help these individuals by providing individualized treatments, establishing and expanding programs and support systems, and promoting integration into the community. The board itself acts as an agent of the region in the establishment and operation of community mental health and intellectual disability and substance abuse programs.

Rockbridge Area Recreational Organization, Board of Directors

- Meet on 1st Wednesday of each month
- Regional
- Staff Contact: Director of Parks & Recreation

The board consists of nine voting members, providing and encouraging a broad range of leisure and recreational opportunities to the Rockbridge area through sanctioned programs, including athletic and non-athletic activities. The Rockbridge Area Recreational Organization is a non-profit, educational-athletic organization. The board is in charge of the management of the property and affairs of RARO. The board employs an Executive Director, and is responsible for the oversight of said Director, and shall review the budget set forth by the Executive Director prior to submission of the budget.

Rockbridge Disability Services Board

- Meet bi-monthly
- Regional (Lexington and Buena Vista)
- Staff Contact: Director of Planning & Community Development

The RDSB is an advisory board that advocates for persons in the region who have disabilities of all kinds. This includes monitoring accessibility of public and private facilities and pursuing grants and other initiatives to improve services and accessibility for persons with disabilities.

Rockbridge Regional Jail Commission

- Meetings:
- Regional
- Staff Contact: Sheriff

The commission is composed of five members, each serving one year terms. The purpose of the commission is to own, administer and provide an adequate regional jail and to provide jail services to the participating local governments. The jail commission is responsible for the adequate repair, maintenance, and services of the Regional Jail Facility, in addition to keeping the facility sanitary and providing adequate security and safety for both prisoners and visitors. The commission provides adequate administrative services to reasonably administer the incarceration and release of prisoners.

Rockbridge Regional Library, Board of Trustees

- Meet monthly
- Regional
- Staff Contact: n/a

Board members serve four-year terms. The board is responsible for managing the operations of the Rockbridge Regional Library, which is exclusively for educational purposes. The library has branches in Bath County, Buena Vista, Glasgow, Goshen, Lexington, and owns a mobile Bookmobile bus.

School Board

- Meets monthly
- City
- Staff Contact: John Keeler, Superintendent of Schools

The Buena Vista Public Schools (BVPS) School Board is an elected board that governs the operation of the City's school system.

Shenandoah Valley Partnership, Board of Directors

- Meets on a quarterly schedule
- Regional
- Staff Contact: Director of Economic Development

Board members serve three-year terms. The board has the ability to establish committees if it is determined to be in the Partnership's best interest. The Board of Directors are able to amend or repeal SVP's bylaws, and are responsible for approving a certified public accountant for an annual audit of the Partnership's financial accounts and records. The board reviews annual reports provided by the Audit Committee.

Shenandoah Valley Workforce Development Board

- Meet on a quarterly basis
- Regional
- Staff Contact: Director of Economic Development

Members of the board serve four-year terms. The SVWDB sets policy for Local Workforce Development Area IV. The board is responsible for the strategic planning of employment, training, and educational-related programs and services. Purpose of the board to improve the quality of the workforce readiness delivery system; includes a thorough analysis of the effectiveness of employment, training, education, and social services institutions, programs, policies.

Department of Social Services Board

- Meet on 3rd Wednesday of the month
- Regional
- Staff Contact: n/a

The board oversees the management of the local office of the Virginia Department of Social Services. Social services is a state supervised and locally administered system to help VA's most vulnerable citizens find permanent solutions to life's many challenges and promote the wellbeing of citizens. This includes services for vulnerable children and senior citizens. Members serve four year terms.