Serving on Public Boards and Commissions
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• PEs, PLSs, Registered Architects, other Design Professionals living in & licensed in MA - sought after to serve on certain public boards and commissions created under state law or by regulations.
• Directly participate in Public Policy
• Provide your professional expertise to help shape public policy for the benefit of residents.
• Participating on a board or commission is more than being present – Be Prepared
• Board service requires a considerable contribution of expertise and time.
  • Board members help influence state policies and regulations, they need to stay informed about issues, legislative activity, and statutes affecting their board or commission.
• Board and commission members must attend meetings regularly.
  • Consistent attendance is important to understand board concerns and help to ensure that issues are examined from a variety of perspectives.
Applying to serve

• Read “job description”

• Read statutes and regulations related to board or commission - websites: board agendas, minutes

• Go to a meeting of the board – make sure the topics would be of interest to you

• Check in your employer - firm/organization - about any potential conflicts of interest – or appearance of a conflict
Applying to serve (cont.)

• Conduct of Board and Commission Members
  Most members of boards and commissions are subject to the State Conflict of Interest and Ethics Laws.
  https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartIV/TitleI/Chapter268A

• Review each pertinent section prior to submitting your application.

• Contact the State Ethics Commission @ 617.371.9500 for free, confidential advice about how the laws would apply to you in a particular circumstance.

• ?s about a specific position and eligibility: Contact the Boards and Commissions Office @ 617.725.4010.
Applying to serve (cont.)

• Submit your resume – with both home and work contact information on it, indicating position of interest. agoodman@engineers.org can review this for you.

• Background Check Paperwork - Sample of what an interested candidate may need to complete to be considered for appointment to a public board or commission by the Governor of Massachusetts: http://www.engineers.org/tec/file/2017/Background-Check-Paperwork-this_is_a_sample_only.pdf

• Appointment letter

• Other steps
MA Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors

Openings for:

Chemical Engineer: not posted but see Electrical below

Electrical Engineer: http://www.engineers.org/index.cfm/cdid/11347/pid/10225


2 Professional Land Surveyors

The Engineering Center Education Trust (TECET)
Openings for:

Professional Engineers and Registered Architects – No current openings, but these do come up as terms expire and people cannot be reappointed due to term limits


Firm/organization cannot do work for DCAMM or related vertical building agencies
Other Designer Selection Boards + Other Boards

Firm/organization cannot do work for these vertical building agencies

- Mass School Building Authority OPM Selection Committee
- UMASS Building Authority
- State College Building Authority

Other Boards of Registration: Serve as a public member on another board

Board of Building Regulations and Standards – other seats for PEs
The Wastewater Advisory Committee (WAC) Seeks Professional Engineer

Description:  

MWRA Board of Directors created WAC in 1990 to offer independent recommendations on wastewater policies and programs.

WAC’s mission: An independent public forum for holistic discussion of wastewater issues.

Membership: Reflects knowledge & interest of major affected constituencies: engineering and construction, environmental advocacy, planning, academic research, and business.
Diversity on Boards

• Encourage people on your team to apply: Looking for technical professionals who are women and/or people of diverse cultures.
Questions?

• Type your question into the Chat Box