

Citizen Review Committee of Nevada Boards and Commissions

1. Composition: Any state resident of five years or more and over the age of 18 would be eligible to apply for Committee membership without compensation. The state Department of Business and Industry would compile and distribute on its web site an application gathering information about applicants, their work and educational experience sufficient to evaluate the boards and committees, English fluency, and eliminating applicants with pending felony charges or felony convictions. The state Department of Personnel would review the submitted applications for background and experience befitting the task and submit a list of 12 finalists to the next Legislature for review and approval, with seven ultimately appointed for an initial three-year term.

2. Background Work: The state Department of Administration and the Governor's Office of Finance would create one-paragraph summaries of purpose and scope for each board and commission, their work products and other deliverables, the number of times they had met in the last two years, the annual operating costs, the number of employees and board members/commissioners, and qualifications for board/commission membership to be reviewed by the Committee.

3. Meetings: The Department of Business and Industry would coordinate periodic Zoom meetings of the Committee and act as secretary and technical advisor to the Committee, including posting notices of agendas and future meetings for public participation. To keep costs down, there would be no in-person meetings.

4. Organization: At its first meeting, the Committee would select a Chair and Vice-Chair by a nominating and election process among the members.

5. Work Product: The Committee would ultimately assemble a list of policy recommendations concerning boards and committees for consideration by a future Legislature independent of any periodic work by the Legislature's Sunset Subcommittee.

6. Tasks:

- a) evaluate potential elimination or consolidation of boards and commissions;
- b) ensure proportionate representation on each board and commission of all Nevadans;

- c) balance the need for board and commission technical skills with the need for board and commission members who are not unduly influenced because of regulatory capture, i.e., work in the industry or would directly or indirectly benefit by board and commission decisions;
- d) recommend an ongoing review process for board and commission nominees outside of the part-time state Legislature, as is standard practice in virtually every other U.S. state;
- e) recommend the creation of a list of standard qualifications for board and commission nominees; and,
- f) for ease of meeting access by all Nevadans, explore and determine the best manner in which to offer universal remote meeting access and public comment for public board and commission meetings.