

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS TO
LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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I. Background and purpose

- A. These rules shall govern the selection of the four members of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) appointed by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee. These rules shall supersede the regular rules and regulations of the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee.
- B. These rules are adopted by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee to implement the provisions of California Public Utilities Code Section 130051(d), the language of which is attached as Attachment I.

II. Definitions

As used in these rules, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- A. “City Selection Committee:” A group comprised of the mayor of each city within Los Angeles County, excluding the City of Los Angeles. If the mayor is unable to attend a meeting of the City Selection Committee, he/she shall designate in writing another member of the city’s legislative body to attend and vote at the meeting as his/her representative.
- B. “Majority Weighted Vote:” Members of the City Selection Committee or Sector Subcommittee which represent a majority of the population of all cities within the County or sector, respectively, excluding the City of Los Angeles.
- C. “MTA Member:” One of the four city representatives selected by the City Selection Committee to serve on the MTA.
- D. “Quorum:” Representatives of a majority of the cities entitled to representation who also represent a majority of the population entitled to representation on the City Selection Committee or Sector Subcommittees, respectively.
- E. “Sector:” The cities assigned to one of the four regions in Los Angeles County (North County/San Fernando Valley, San Gabriel Valley, Southeast Long Beach and Southwest Corridor) in Attachment II.

- F. "Sector Subcommittee:" A group comprised of the mayor of each city within each sector. If the mayor is unable to attend a meeting of the Sector Subcommittee, he/she shall designate in writing another member of the city's legislative body to attend and vote at the meeting as his/her representative.
- G. "Sector Subcommittee Nominee:" The mayor(s) or council member(s) nominated by the Sector Subcommittee to serve on the MTA from that sector.
- H. "Voting Strength:" One vote per city for every 10,000 residents as determined by population estimates prepared by the State Department of Finance Demographic Research Unit pursuant to Section 2227 of the Revenue and Taxation Code. Every city, regardless of size, shall be entitled to cast at least one vote.

III. Nomination process in general: weighted vote

Nomination(s) for the City Selection Committee appointees to the MTA are made by the Sector Subcommittees for the sectors whose representatives' terms are expiring and the initial terms.

A. Convening sector subcommittee meeting

The Secretary of the City Selection Committee shall place on the City Selection Committee agenda, at the appropriate time, an item regarding the calling of City Selection Committee and Sector Subcommittee meetings. After elections for the initial terms, the City Selection Committee shall formally adopt a resolution setting forth the time and place of future City Selection Committee and Sector Subcommittee meetings for appointments to the MTA.

B. Meeting Notice

The City Selection Committee Secretary shall, by mail, notify the mayor and city manager of each city within the City Selection Committee/Sector Subcommittees of the date, time and place of the meetings no fewer than fourteen days prior to the meetings. The city manager shall then transmit the notice to his/her respective council members. Failure of a council member to receive notice shall not invalidate any action taken by the City Selection Committee or Sector Subcommittees.

C. Timing of meeting

The City Selection Committee will meet as needed in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the League of California Cities Los Angeles County Division. The City Selection Committee is not a part of or affiliated with the League of California Cities.

IV. Sector Subcommittee meeting: voting

A. Timing of meeting

To nominate a candidate or candidates for the MTA member from their respective sectors, the Sector Subcommittees shall meet no more than sixty-five days nor fewer than ten days prior to the City Selection Committee meeting.

B. Voting

In all votes, each city shall have a weighted vote according to its voting strength.

C. Election and duties of chair

The Sector Subcommittee meetings shall be called to order by the City Selection Committee Secretary. The order of business shall be as follows: 1) election of a chair and 2) selection of Sector Subcommittee nominee(s). The election of the chair shall require a majority weighted vote of the Sector Subcommittee. The chair of the Sector Subcommittee shall preside over the remainder of the meeting and chair any subsequent Sector Subcommittee meetings.

D. Selection of Sector Subcommittee nominee(s)

The Sector Subcommittee shall select one Sector Subcommittee nominee, unless a motion to nominate multiple candidates is made, seconded and passed by a majority weighted vote. If no motion to nominate multiple candidates is made and passed, voting will continue until one candidate receives a majority weighted vote. That candidate will then be the only one nominated from that Sector for consideration for appointment to the MTA. If a motion to nominate multiple candidates is passed, then individual votes will be held on the nomination of each candidate, "yea" or "nay." Each candidate with a majority weighted vote will then be nominated from that sector for consideration for appointment to the MTA.

V. City Selection Committee meetings: voting

The City Selection Committee Chair shall announce the Sectors from which an MTA member is to be selected and the nomination(s) from the Sectors. No additional nominations shall come from the floor to the City Selection Committee. Initially, the City Selection Committee will elect four MTA members from each sector. Such members shall be either a mayor or council member from a city within each respective sector. There shall be separate elections for each member at the same meeting. In all votes, each city shall have a weighted vote according to its voting strength.

A. Roll call vote: procedure
All votes of the City Selection Committee shall be roll call votes. The City Selection Committee Secretary shall call the roll, consisting of the name of each city, in alphabetical order, and each member shall vote by stating the name of his/her preference for the MTA member from that Sector, or by answering “yea” or “nay” as the case may be. The Secretary shall record all votes and the original roll call shall be entered in the minutes. A member may change his/her vote up to the time that the result of the vote is finally announced. After the results of a roll call vote have been announced, a City Selection Committee member may change the record of his/her vote only by proof that an error was made in recording it.

B. Majority vote required for selection: tie vote
Unless otherwise provided in these rules, all actions by the City Selection Committee including the selection of a MTA member shall require a majority weighted vote. Tie votes shall be lost motions and may be reconsidered.

C. Procedure in event no Sector Subcommittee nominee receives majority vote
If no candidate received a majority weighted vote on the first ballot, the balloting should be repeated for that position as many times as necessary to obtain a majority weighted vote for a single candidate. When repeated balloting for an office is necessary, the names of all nominees are kept on the ballot. City Selection Committee members or alternates may move to table continued consideration of nominees or refer the nominees to the appropriate Sector Subcommittee for further consideration. The motion must be seconded by a City Selection Committee member or alternate. A vote on the motion will be conducted by a roll call vote. A majority weighted vote is required to table or refer any nomination.

VI. Terms of office
The terms of office of the MTA members shall be four years, with no term limits except that the members first appointed to the MTA shall classify themselves by lot so that the terms of office of two members shall expire two years following the effective date of the appointment.

VII. Recall

A. Petition for special meeting
Cities representing fifty percent plus one of the City Selection Committee weighted vote may petition the City Selection Committee Secretary to call a special meeting of the City Selection Committee to consider recall of an MTA member.

B. Call of special meeting: notice
Upon validation of the City Selection Committee members' signatures and tally of votes requesting a special meeting for this purpose, the City Selection Committee Secretary shall set the date, time and location of a special meeting of the City Selection Committee and shall, by mail, notify the mayor and city manager of each city within the City Selection Committee of the date, time and place of the meeting no fewer than fourteen days prior to the meeting. The city manager shall then transmit the notice to his/her respective council members. Failure of a council member to receive notice shall not invalidate any action taken by the City Selection Committee.

C. Voting
The Chair shall preside at any special meeting of the City Selection Committee called for the purpose of considering recall of a City Selection Committee appointee to the MTA. A motion by a City Selection Committee member or alternate may be made to recall a City Selection Committee MTA member. The motion must be seconded by a City Selection Committee member or alternate. A vote on the motion will be conducted by a roll call vote. A weighted vote of the City Selection Committee representing no less than two-thirds of the population of all cities within the County, excluding the City of Los Angeles, is required to recall an MTA member. In the event that an MTA member is recalled, the matter is referred back to the appropriate Sector Subcommittee for nomination(s) for the recalled member's replacement.

D. Subcommittee meeting
In the event of a recall, the Sector Subcommittee shall meet at a time and location determined by the City Selection Committee Secretary. The Secretary shall, by mail, notify each mayor and city manager of each city within the Sector Subcommittee of the date, time and place of the meeting no fewer than fourteen days prior to the meeting. The Sector Subcommittee chair elected at the previous Sector Subcommittee meeting shall be the presiding officer. The Sector Subcommittee shall nominate another candidate(s) for the MTA member. Appointment shall be subject to the same City Selection Committee rules outlined above.

VIII. New cities
The addition of newly incorporated cities in Los Angeles County requires placement of these cities within one of the four sectors and the assignment of voting strengths pending receipt of official figures from the State Department of Finance. Assignment of new cities to a specific sector shall be done by resolution of the League of California Cities Los Angeles County Division. Each new city shall have one vote until population figures are available from the Department of Finance.

IX. MTA Sector Composition Task Force

The League of California Cities Los Angeles County Division President shall appoint a task force to review and recommend any changes in sector composition to the Division Board of Directors immediately after the Census, the incorporation of a new city in Los Angeles County, or the population of the City of Los Angeles falls below thirty-five percent of the total population of all cities in the County.

X. Amendments

These rules may be amended only in the following manner. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the City Selection Committee at least fourteen days before action thereon is requested. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the members voting thereon shall be required for adoption.

PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE SECTION 130051(d)

Public Utilities Code Section 130051 creates the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority consisting of fourteen members including:

“(d) Four members, each of whom shall be a mayor or a member of a city council, appointed by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee. For purposes of the selection of these four members, the County of Los Angeles, excluding the City of Los Angeles, shall be divided into the following four sectors:

- (1) The North County/San Fernando Valley sector.
- (2) The Southwest Corridor sector.
- (3) The San Gabriel Valley sector.
- (4) The Southeast Long Beach sector. “

“The League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Division, shall define the sectors. Every city within a sector shall be entitled to vote to nominate one or more candidates from that sector for consideration for appointment by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee. A city’s vote shall be weighted in the same proportion that its population bears to the total population of all cities within the sector.”

“The members appointed pursuant to this subdivision shall be appointed by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee upon an affirmative vote of its members which represent a majority of the population of all cities within the county, excluding the City of Los Angeles.”

“The members selected by the City Selection Committee shall serve four-year terms with no limitation on the number of terms that may be served by any individual. The City Selection Committee may, in its discretion, shorten the initial four-year term for one or more of the members for the purpose of ensuring that the members will serve staggered terms.”

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