

MEMORANDUM

TO: GTC Planning Committee Members & Alternates
FROM: James Stack, Executive Director JS
DATE: August 4, 2023
SUBJECT: GTC By-Laws Amendment

In December 2020, the GTC By-Laws were amended to allow qualified Alternates to serve as a GTC Officer. Currently, Peter Ingalsbe is a qualified Alternate representing the Ontario County Board of Supervisors and serves as GTC Vice Chairperson. It has recently come to light that the By-Laws do not explicitly indicate that the Vice Chairperson is a member of the GTC Executive Committee if the position is held by a qualified Alternate.

In order to rectify this situation, I see two paths forward.

First approach: no change to the By-Laws. The Chairperson is already specified as member of the Executive Committee. The By-Laws already specify that, "Any member of the Executive Committee may designate an alternate." When the Vice Chairperson position is held by a qualified Alternate, the relevant GTC Board Member would have to designate that person as their Alternate to the Executive Committee. This would require communication from the ex-officio Voting Member and would not be automatic.

Second approach: change the By-Laws to explicitly designate the Vice Chairperson as a member of the Executive Committee. If this approach is taken, I suggest including language that precludes a single entity from having both the Member and the qualified Alternate on the Executive Committee. The relevant existing passage reads, "The Executive Committee shall consist of the Council Chairperson, the Monroe County Executive, the Chairperson of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, the Chairperson of the Ontario County Board of Supervisors, the Chairpersons of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors, the Mayor of the City of Rochester, the Chairperson of the Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority, the Chairperson of the Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, and the Regional Director of the NYS Department of Transportation. Any member of the Executive Committee may designate an alternate. No member of the Executive Committee shall cast more than one vote, even if they serve on the Executive Committee in more than one capacity."

If this approach is pursued, I suggest the following language,

**ARTICLE IV
COMMITTEES**

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Council Chairperson, **Council Vice Chairperson**, the Monroe County Executive, the Chairperson of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, the Chairperson of the Ontario County Board of Supervisors, the **Chairpersons Chairperson** of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors, the Mayor of the City of Rochester, the Chairperson of the Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority, the Chairperson of the Genesee-

Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, and the Regional Director of the NYS Department of Transportation. Any member of the Executive Committee may designate an alternate. **If a qualified Alternate serves as a Council Officer, that person shall be the designated Alternate to the Executive Committee in lieu of the relevant ex-officio Voting Member.** No member of the Executive Committee shall cast more than one vote, even if they serve on the Executive Committee in more than one capacity." You will notice that the new language is applicable to either the Chairperson or the Vice Chairperson (i.e., Council Officer) as either position can be held by a qualified Alternate.

Both Chairperson LeFeber and Vice Chairperson Ingalsbe have asked me to present this change to the Planning Committee for consideration and recommendation. I welcome any comments or suggestions you may have.

The current By-Laws allow for amendment by a two-thirds vote by the GTC Board. Pending any comments from the Planning Committee, this proposed amendment can be presented to the GTC Board for consideration at their August 24, 2023 meeting.