

# **NOACA BOARD MEMBERSHIP BY POPULATION**

**Governance Committee  
August 23, 2019**



# ACTION REQUESTED

No action is requested at this time.

This item is for information and discussion only.

# PREVIOUS ACTION

This issue was discussed at the May Governance Committee meeting.

# BACKGROUND

- At the May meeting, the Governance Committee discussed an inconsistency in the NOACA Code of Regulations.
- The Code of Regulations states that the region's citizens should be represented on the Board in a manner approximating equal representation by population.
- The Code also provides a list of members by position or title that is inconsistent with the equal representation requirement, which results in a shortage of two seats to Cleveland based on population.
- The committee voted to direct the NOACA Board to address the allocation of board seats based on population.



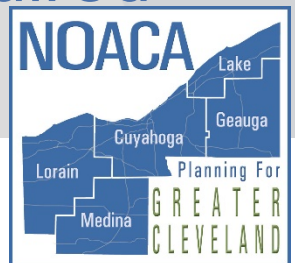
# BACKGROUND

- The Board previously approved an amendment to the Code of Regulations, but not all counties ratified it.
  - Initial time, all but Medina and Geauga
  - Second time, all but Geauga
- The Governance Committee has previously expressed reluctance to make further attempts to amend the Code without some certainty that ratification would be forthcoming.

# BACKGROUND

## At this point, the Governance Committee could:

- Reintroduce the amendment to the Code correcting the math error made with respect to the City of Cleveland's representation and awarding two additional board seats to the City, resulting in a board of 46 voting members.
- Reintroduce the amendment to address the issue of representation by population, providing for automatic adjustments based on the decennial census, as well as codifying the three member minimum for each county.
- These amendments could be combined or proposed separately, perhaps based on likelihood of ratification, which would be required absent separate changes to Article IX of the Code.



# FINANCIAL IMPACTS

There is no financial impact.

# NEXT STEPS

**Based on the Committee's input, staff will follow up as needed, including preparation of suggested amendments to be reviewed by the Committee and presented to the Board.**

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