



NOACA

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge allegiance
to the Flag
of the United States of America,
and to the Republic
for which it stands,
one Nation
under God,
indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.



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BOARD MEMBERSHIP & COMMITTEE STRUCTURE REVIEW

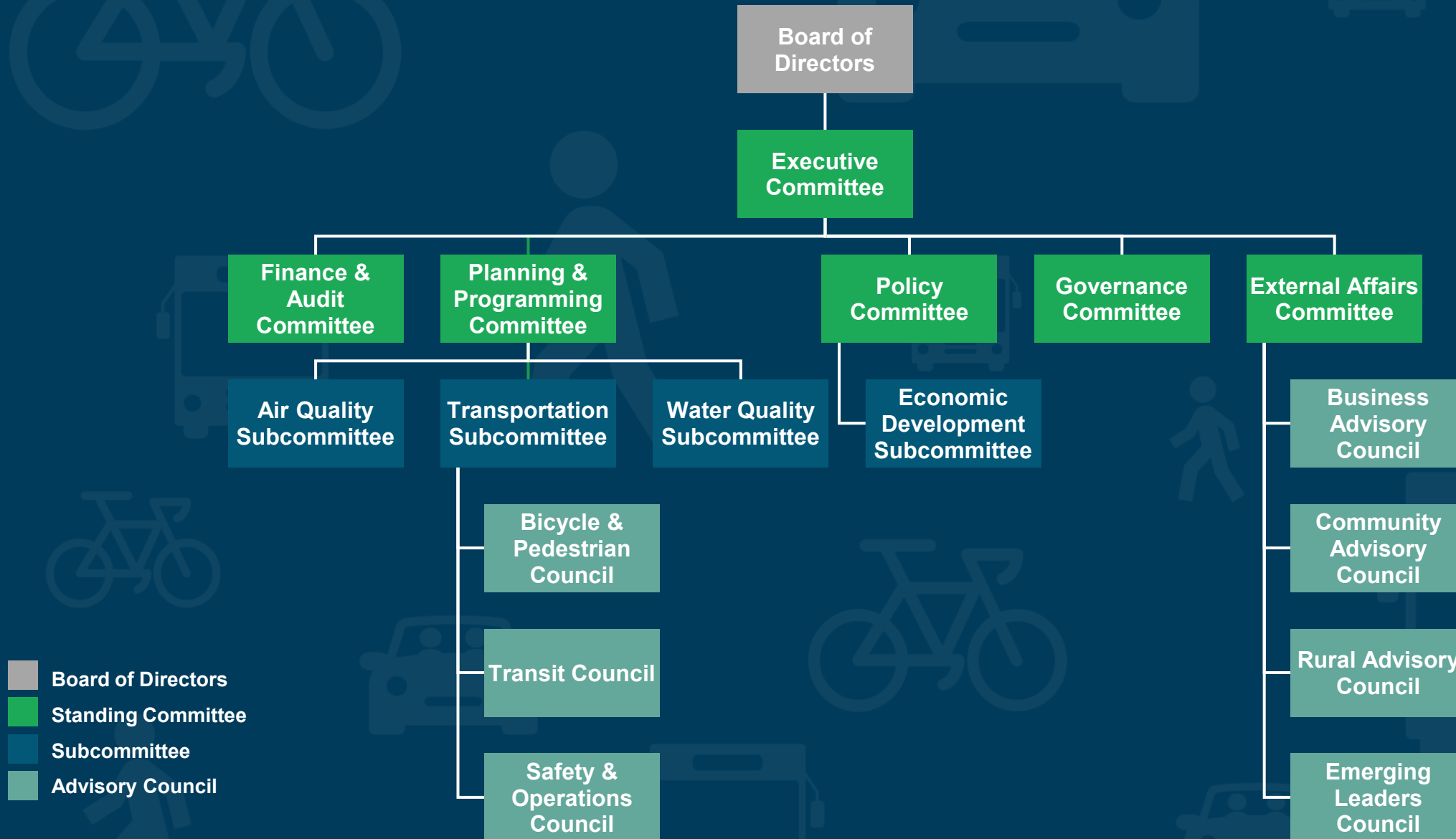
Governance Committee

October 24, 2025

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

- The current structure is the result of a strategic planning process that occurred in fall of 2013 and determined that a review of the Code should be conducted
- Code of Regulations Task Force created, comprised of 10 Board members to review the Code, particularly related to committee structure
- NOACA contracted with the firm BVU to facilitate
- The objective was to ensure that NOACA's Governance encouraged the best forum for achieving NOACA's mission and fully engaged Board
- BVU conducted surveys and solicited input from the entire Board to identify strengths and weaknesses of the existing Code, areas of concern, and potential areas of improvement.
- Resolution 2013-027 adopted the new committee structure as specified in Article VI of NOACA's Code of Regulations

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE



BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Federal Requirements for MPO Governance

- Designation or selection of officials or representatives is determined by the MPO bylaws and must consider the equitable and proportional representation of the population of the metropolitan planning area
- Include the following:
 - Local elected officials
 - Officials of public agencies responsible for operating major modes of transportation (e.g., public transit providers)
 - Appropriate State officials

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Current NOACA Board of Directors

- Article IV: Board of Directors
- Established in 2022 ([Resolution 2022-006](#)) based on the recommendations adopted in [Resolution 2019-041](#)
- “The goal for representation is to bring to the Board’s discussion and decision-making the principal elected officials and regional administrators of the NOACA area concerned with transportation and environmental planning, while assuring to the area’s citizens an approximation of equal representation by population as reported in each decennial census...” (Section 4.2)

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Current NOACA Board of Directors

- Proportional representation based on population that is automatically adjusted at each decennial U.S. census using a specific formula in Article II
- Apportioned among the 5 counties and the City of Cleveland
- Each of the 5 counties ensured a minimum of three seats
- 46 voting members (48 total)
- Changes require ratification

MEMBERSHIP SEATING METHOD

At the January organizational meeting in the calendar year following the release of each Decennial Census, Board of Directors' Membership will be reconstituted based on the following method that is predicated on the Code of Regulations, which guarantees each County at least three seats on the Board of Directors.

1. Number of members for each County will be initially determined by the results of this formula (rounded to two decimal places), which ensures that each jurisdiction will have no fewer than three seats. The formula is implemented via an Excel spreadsheet.

$$M_i = \text{Max} \left(M_t \times \frac{P_i}{P_t}, 3 \right) \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, 6 \quad \text{Subject to } \sum_{i=1}^6 M_i \leq M_t$$

Where: M_t = Desired voting membership total for the Counties

M_i = Desired voting membership for County i

P_t = Total Census population for the five Counties

P_i = Census Population for County i in progression

2. The results from step 1 are rounded to zero decimal places and summed. If the sum is greater or less than the desired total, proceed to step 3.
3. The necessary reduction or addition will be made by the greatest mantissa method. The mantissa is the remainder of a decimal number. In the greatest mantissa method, the largest remainder receives an extra unit, followed by the next largest and so on until the desired resulting total is reached. The three seat minimum would be maintained for each county.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON

NOACA Board Membership Comparison: Code of Regulations vs. Actual Population

	Regional Population	% of Regional Population	% of Board Seats (Code of Regulations)	% of Board Seats Actualized	# of Board Seats (as % of Population)	# of Board Seats (Code of Regulations)	# of Board Seats (Variance)
Cleveland	372,624	17.84%	17.78%	99.63%	8.03	8	(0.03)
Cuyahoga w/o Cleveland	892,193	42.72%	40.00%	93.62%	19.23	18	(1.23)
Subtotal Cuyahoga County	1,264,817	60.57%	57.78%	95.39%	27.26	26	(1.26)
Geauga	95,397	4.57%	6.67%	145.93%	2.06	3	0.94
Lake	232,603	11.14%	11.11%	99.75%	5.01	5	(0.01)
Lorain	312,964	14.99%	15.56%	103.79%	6.74	7	0.26
Medina	182,470	8.74%	8.89%	101.73%	3.93	4	0.07
County Totals	2,088,251	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	45	45	0.00
Ohio						3	
Total						48	

Population Source: 2020 US Census

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- **Cuyahoga County**

- County Government
 - County Executive
 - Director of Public Works
 - County Executive Appointee
 - County Council Member
- Regional Authorities
 - NEORS
 - GCRTA
 - Cleveland-Cuyahoga Port Authority
- Cuyahoga Suburban Regions
 - West Shore Region
 - Southwest Region
 - South/Central Region
 - Cuyahoga Region
 - Chagrin/Southeast Region
 - Heights Region
 - Hillcrest Region
 - City of Cleveland Heights
 - City of Euclid
 - City of Lakewood
 - City of Parma

- **City of Cleveland**

- Mayor
- Director of Capital Projects
- City Planning Director
- Member of Mayor's Cabinet
- Council Member
- Council Member
- Council Member
- Council Member

- **Geauga County**

- County Commissioner
- County Commissioner
- County Commissioner

- **Lake County**

- County Commissioner
- County Commissioner
- County Commissioner
- County Engineer
- Laketrans

- **Lorain County**

- County Commissioner
- County Commissioner
- County Commissioner (County Engineer)
- City of Lorain
- City of Elyria
- Municipal Representative
- Township Representative

- **Medina County**

- County Commissioner
- County Commissioner (Municipal Representative)
- County Commissioner (Township Representative)
- County Engineer

- **State of Ohio**

- ODOT
- Ohio EPA (non-voting, ex officio)
- Ohio Turnpike Commission (non-voting, ex officio)



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Governance Committee Meeting

November 14, 2025

