



# 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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# **CODE OF REGULATIONS REVISIONS**

## **RESOLUTION 2026-001:**

### **ARTICLE IX - RATIFICATION**

## **RESOLUTION 2026-002:**

### **SECTION 4.2 - MEMBERSHIP**

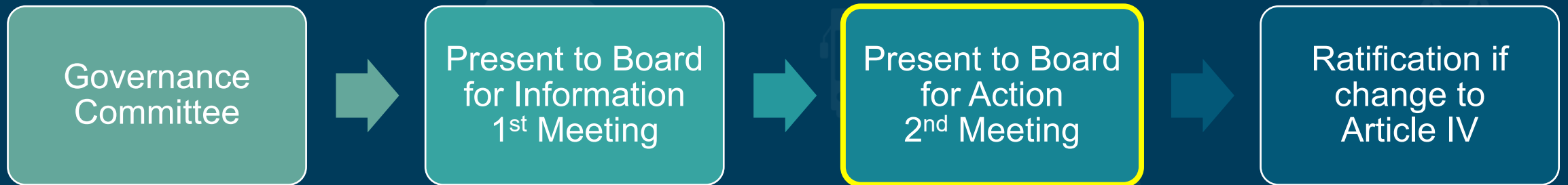
**Board of Directors**

**January 9, 2026**

# PREVIOUS ACTION

- **Governance Committee recommended two Code amendments**
  - Amend Article IX to create an exception to the requirement that changes to Article IV be ratified by all counties
  - Amend Section 4.2 regarding the list of member representatives and their qualifications
- **These proposed amendments were presented for information to the Board in December.**

# CODE AMENDMENT PROCESS



# BACKGROUND

**Feb./Mar. 2025**

Geauga County requested to change 1 County Commissioner member to County Engineer.

Presented to Governance Committee Feb. 2025.

Presented for information to the Board in March.

**June 13, 2025**

Presented for action at June Board meeting. Approved following discussion regarding Board membership and process for membership changes.

Ratification required. Passed by 3 counties but pending by 2.

**Aug. 27, 2025**

Governance Committee reviewed Board membership, MPO requirements in federal and state regulations, NOACA Code.

Scheduled special meetings to discuss further.

# BACKGROUND

**Sept. 25, 2025**

Governance Committee reviewed the history of NOACA's current Board and Committee structure. Discussed removing ratification.

**Oct. 24, 2025**

Governance Committee discussed qualifications for members and alternates, history/intent of Board composition and ratification requirements.

Motions passed to change specific positions/offices to appointees and remove ratification.

**Nov. 14, 2025**

Governance Committee reviewed draft amendments to Section 4.2 and Art. IX. Remove ratification requirement only for the list of members in Section 4.2 and further defined membership qualifications. Lorain County kept existing members.

# RESOLUTION 2026-001

## Amends Article IX

- Currently requires any change to Art. IV be ratified by all 5 counties
- Adds language creating an exception to ratification to the list of member representatives in Section 4.2(c) through (h)
  - Changes would not require ratification, only a majority vote

# PROPOSED AMENDMENT

## ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

This Code of Regulations may be altered, amended or repealed only by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. However, any matters relating to Article IV of this Code of Regulations, except for Section 4.2(c) through (h), shall be altered, amended or repealed only upon written approval of each County of the NOACA area. Alteration, amendment or repeal of this Code may be initiated by the Board either after a special meeting called for that purpose or at any regular meeting where notice of such purpose was given at the immediately preceding regular meeting.

# RESOLUTION 2026-002

## Amends Section 4.2

- Changes members for Cuyahoga County Government, Cleveland City Hall, Geauga County, and Medina County from specific elected and/or appointed positions to “appointees”
- Creates paragraphs (a) *Composition* and (b) *Apportionment* using existing language and language added regarding member qualifications
- Applies member qualifications under 4.2(a) to alternates

# CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- **Cuyahoga County**
  - County Government
    - County Executive
    - Director of Public Works
    - County Executive Appointee
    - County Council Member
  - Regional Authorities
    - NEORSD
    - 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
  - Laketran
- **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)

# PROPOSED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- **Cuyahoga County**
  - County Government
    - County Executive [Appointee](#)
    - [County Executive Appointee](#)
    - County Executive Appointee
    - County Council Member
  - Cuyahoga Suburban Regions ([appointed by County Executive](#))
    - West Shore Region
    - Southwest Region
    - South/Central Region
    - Cuyahoga Region
    - Chagrin/Southeast Region
    - Heights Region
    - Hillcrest Region
  - [Cuyahoga Suburban Cities](#)
    - City of Cleveland Heights
    - City of Euclid
    - City of Lakewood
    - City of Parma
  - Regional Authorities
    - NEORSD
    - GCRTA
    - Cleveland-Cuyahoga Port Authority
- **City of Cleveland**
  - Mayor [Appointee](#)
  - [Mayor Appointee](#)
  - [Mayor Appointee](#)
  - [Mayor Appointee](#)
  - Council Member
  - Council Member
  - Council Member
  - Council Member
- **Geauga County**
  - County Commissioner [Appointee](#)
  - County Commissioner [Appointee](#)
  - County Commissioner [Appointee](#)
- **Lake County**
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# ADDITIONAL CHANGES

- (a) ...All members of the Board of Directors must hold an elected or appointed position in a political subdivision, government agency, or public body within the geographic area of the respective appointing authorities set forth in Section 4.2(c) through 4.2(h) below. Board members who do not hold an elected position, shall hold positions in areas concerned with transportation, environmental planning, land use planning, and economic development.
  - Also applies to alternates in Section 4.2(k)

# OUTCOME IF APPROVED

- Any change to membership no longer requires ratification, only a majority vote
- Members for Cuyahoga County Government, Cleveland City Hall, Geauga County, and Medina County appoint members following usual process but within the new framework
- Other amendments to Article IV still require ratification
  - Updated membership requirements and application to alternates
- No change to overall membership structure or number of members

# SUMMARY

Resolution	Code	Current	Proposed Change	Impact
2026-001	Article IX	Any changes to Art. IV must be ratified by all counties	Changes to membership list no longer must be ratified	Changes to membership list can occur via majority vote. All other changes still require ratification.
2026-002	Section 4.2(a) through (f)	Specifies the position or office of Board member reps	Some offices/positions change to “appointees”	Counties/City representation no longer predetermined; Still established annually subject to new requirements
	Section 4.2	States the goal for Board representation	Specifies the qualifications of representatives and applies to alternates	More discretion in appointing representatives

# ACTION

Resolution 2026-001, which amends Article IX of the NOACA Code of Regulations to create an exception to the ratification requirement of Article IV for the list of members in Section 4.2.

Resolution 2026-002, which amends Section 4.2 of the NOACA Code of Regulations regarding the list of member representatives and their qualifications.



**Motion**  
**Second**  
**Discussion**  
**Put the Question**





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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next Board Meeting**  
January 23, 2026

