

**MICHIGAN BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 49 of 2002**

**484.3206 Board of directors; membership; service of representative in member's absence; compensation; chairperson; officers; quorum; voting; open meetings act; confidentiality; "trade secrets, commercial, financial, or proprietary information" defined; employees; discharge of duties.**

Sec. 6. (1) The authority shall exercise its duties through its board of directors.

(2) The board shall be made up of the following members:

(a) The president and CEO of the Michigan economic development corporation.

(b) The state treasurer.

(c) The executive director of the Michigan state housing development authority.

(d) Eight members with knowledge, skill, or experience in the academic, business, technology, or financial fields appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Not more than 2 of the 8 appointed members shall be, during their term on the board, employees of this state. The 2 members of the board who are employees of the state under this subdivision shall not hold any other positions with the state during their term on the board. Six of the 8 appointed members shall serve for fixed terms. Not more than 3 of the 6 appointed members serving for fixed terms shall be members of the same political party. Of the 6 fixed-term members first appointed, 2 shall be appointed for a term that expires December 31, 2003, 2 shall be appointed for a term that expires December 31, 2004, and 2 shall be appointed for a term that expires December 31, 2005. Upon completion of each fixed term, a member shall be appointed for a term of 4 years. The 2 appointed members serving without a fixed term shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. The 8 appointed members shall serve until a successor is appointed. A vacancy in a fixed-term membership shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. As used in this subdivision, "members of the same political party" includes a person who, in the determination of the governor, is currently a member of the same political party and a person who was a member of the same political party at any time within the immediately preceding 2 years, as attested by the person to be appointed.

(3) Each member of the board serving under subsection (2)(a), (b), and (c) may appoint a representative to serve in his or her absence.

(4) Except for the board president, who shall serve as the board's chief executive officer pursuant to subsection (5), and vice president, members of the board shall serve without compensation but may receive reasonable reimbursement for necessary travel and expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties. The board shall establish reasonable compensation for the board president and vice president.

(5) The governor shall designate 1 member of the board to serve as its chairperson who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. Of the 2 board members serving without a fixed term at the pleasure of the governor, the governor shall designate 1 member to serve as the board's president and chief executive officer and the other member to serve as its vice president.

(6) A majority of the serving members of the board shall constitute a quorum of the board for the transaction of business. Actions of the board shall be approved by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting. The business of the board shall be conducted in compliance with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

(7) A record or portion of a record, material, information, or other data received, prepared, used, or retained by the authority in connection with an application to or project related to the broadband infrastructure assisted by the authority that relates to trade secrets, commercial, financial, or proprietary information submitted by the applicant, and which is requested in writing by the applicant and acknowledged in writing by the president of the authority to be confidential, is not subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246. As used in this subsection, "trade secrets, commercial, financial, or proprietary information" means information that has not been publicly disseminated or that is unavailable from other sources, the release of which might cause the applicant significant competitive harm.

(8) The authority may employ or contract for legal, financial, and technical experts, and officers, agents, and employees, permanent and temporary, as the authority requires, and shall determine their qualifications, duties, and compensation. The board may delegate to 1 or more agents or employees those powers or duties with any limitations that the board considers proper.

(9) The members of the board and officers and employees of the authority are subject to 1968 PA 317, MCL 15.321 to 15.330, or 1968 PA 318, MCL 15.301 to 15.310.

(10) A member of the board or officer, employee, or agent of the authority shall discharge the duties of his or her position in a nonpartisan manner, with good faith, and with that degree of diligence, care, and skill that an ordinarily prudent person would exercise under similar circumstances in a like position. In discharging the

duties of his or her position, a member of the board or an officer, employee, or agent of the authority, when acting in good faith, may rely upon the opinion of counsel for the authority, upon the report of an independent appraiser selected with reasonable care by the board, or upon financial statements of the authority represented to the member of the board or officer, employee, or agent of the authority to be correct by the president or the officer of the authority having charge of its books or account, or stated in a written report by a certified public accountant or firm of certified public accountants to fairly reflect the financial condition of the authority.

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**Compiler's note:** For transfer of powers and duties of Michigan broadband development authority from department of treasury to department of labor and economic growth by Type I transfer, see E.R.O. No. 2003-1, compiled at MCL 445.2011.

For transfer of powers and duties of Michigan broadband development authority and its board of directors, with the exception of powers and duties under MCL 484.3207(1)(d), to the Michigan state housing development authority, and for transfer of powers and duties under MCL 484.3207(1)(d) to Michigan public service commission, see E.R.O. No. 2008-4, compiled at MCL 445.2025.