

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO STUDY POLICY COMMITTEES**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of the 23 jurisdictions of the National Capital Region's local governments and their governing officials, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures and the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and COG provides a focus for action on issues of regional concern; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors is the Council of Governments' governing body and is responsible for its overall policies and the approval of its work program and budget; and

**WHEREAS**, five policy committees were created under the COG Board of Directors to provide in-depth policy analysis for different program areas including the: Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee, the Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee, the Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee, the Emergency Preparedness Council, and the Region Forward Coalition; and

**WHEREAS**, the board would like to strengthen these committees by studying each policy committee and identifying areas to increase efficiency and synergy across COG's program areas; and

**WHEREAS**, staff will collect information and consult the five 2017 policy committee chairs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

The board directs the Executive Director, or his designee to:

- 1) Collect the necessary information needed to fully study and evaluate the structure of our policy committees to strategically increase synergy and reduce redundancy throughout the Council of Governments.
- 2) Consult with the Chairs of the following policy committees for input and direction:
  - Kenyan McDuffie, Chairman, COG Board of Directors
  - Cheryl Bass, Chair, Region Forward Coalition
  - Penny Gross, Chair Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee
  - David Snyder, Chair, Emergency Preparedness Council
  - Daniel Sze, Chair, Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee
  - Karen Toles, Chair, Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors on February 8, 2017.**

**Laura Ambrosio  
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