

**THE SUMMIT AND MEDINA WORKFORCE AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FOR OHIO LOCAL WORKFORCE AREA 2
RESOLUTION 2019-05**

A Resolution authorizing the Summit and Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments to adopt changes to its Bylaws which provide consistency to the manner in which the members of the Summit and Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments conduct its affairs and define the duties and responsibilities of its Board members.

WHEREAS, the Summit and Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments (“SAMWA COG”) adopted organizational documents, including its Bylaws, on November 1, 2016, with the intent to define the governance structure through which the public workforce system in Ohio Local Workforce Area 2 (“Area 2”) would operate;

WHEREAS, the SAMWA COG Bylaws were first amended by Resolution 2017-19, effective June 28, 2017, to grant the SAMWA COG Board members the ability to appoint a proxy to serve in the event of their absence, in order to prevent the delay of actions necessary for the continued operation of the public workforce system in Area 2;

WHEREAS, the SAMWA COG Board has two identified procedural changes that create a need to again amend said Bylaws;

WHEREAS, the SAMWA COG Bylaws currently require its two-member Board, comprised of Area 2’s chief elected officials (CEOs), to alternate chairmanship duties according to a rotation of even and odd years dictating who shall serve in this capacity;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that this type of rotation between even and odd years may be a challenge for a newly elected official to serve as the SAMWA COG chair, given the complexities that define the public workforce thus necessitating a change;

WHEREAS, the SAMWA COG Bylaws are currently silent on how members of the public may address the body during a meeting and it has been determined, that defining the process and parameters to use when members of the public wish to address the body during a meeting is necessary and it shall become an addition to the current Bylaws;

WHEREAS, the SAMWA COG Board finds and determines, that it is necessary to amend the SAMWA COG bylaws to include the ability for the CEO’s to vote on chairmanship at the first meeting of a calendar year and to add a process that defines how members of the public address the members during a meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the SAMWA COG that:

SECTION 1

The amended SAMWA COG Bylaws, attached hereto as Resolution Exhibit A, are hereby adopted. The amended bylaws shall grant the SAMWA COG Board members the right to determine who shall serve as chair at their first meeting of a calendar year by mutual agreement between the CEOs as stated in Section 1.1 “Governance” and adds to Section 1.3 “Meetings are open to the public”, a process and parameters for members of the public to use in order to address the COG members at its meeting

SECTION 2

Upon adoption of this Resolution, the amended Bylaws, attached hereto as Resolution Exhibit A, replace all previously adopted versions of the SAMWA COG Bylaws.

SECTION 3

This Directive shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Ayes: 2
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0

ADOPTED, this 7th day of February, 2019.


Summit County Executive


Medina County Commissioner