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Memorandum 2002-26**Election of Officers**

The Commission's practice is annually to hold an election of officers at the meeting preceding commencement of the terms of the officers on September 1.

The Commission's Handbook of Practices and Procedures states:

1.1. Officers

The officers of the Commission are the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson. The term of office of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson is one year, commencing on September 1 of each year. The officers hold office until election of successors.

At meetings, the Vice Chairperson shall act as Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson. In case of a vacancy in the office of Chairperson or where the Chairperson is unavailable, the Vice Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson.

In case of a vacancy in the office of Chairperson, the Commission shall elect new officers for the remainder of the term.

No officer is eligible to succeed himself or herself in the same office in which the officer has served a full term. However, an officer who has served for less than a full term may succeed himself or herself in the same office for a full term; and, where the Chairperson is reelected to office, the incumbent Vice Chairperson is eligible for reelection even though reelection may result in the Vice Chairperson succeeding himself or herself for another full term.

The incumbent Chairperson, Joyce Cook, was elected in June 2001 for the term commencing September 1, 2001. The incumbent Vice Chairperson, Howard Wayne, was elected in June 2001 for the term commencing September 1, 2001.

Officers elected at the July 2002 meeting would take office on September 1, 2002, and hold office until August 31, 2003. The Commission has asked that the staff agendize for Commission review at the July 2002 meeting the question whether the election and terms of officers should be changed.

Respectfully submitted,

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