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WAUKESHA COUNTY ACTION NETWORK (WCAN) **POLICY BOARD GOVERNANCE DOCUMENT**

The Waukesha County Action Network (WCAN) Policy Board serves as the advocacy arm of the Waukesha County Business Alliance.

The Policy Board was created in 2010 when the Waukesha County Chamber of Commerce and the Waukesha County Action Network combined to form the Waukesha County Business Alliance and provide a strong voice for the business community.

Its mission is to inspire change and drive action around important, broad public policy issues in order to improve the business climate and enhance the quality of life in Waukesha County and the region. To achieve its mission, the Policy Board, working in conjunction with several Policy Committees, identifies public policy issues needing to be addressed, conducts research and drives resolution by making specific policy recommendations for review and approval by the Alliance's Board of Directors.

The Policy Board and Committees are comprised of highly engaged business and community leaders committed to challenging the status quo, promoting cooperation within the county and region, problem solving and ultimately bringing about positive change.

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The Policy Board will consist of civic-minded business leaders recommended by the Policy Board Chair and Alliance President, and appointed by the Alliance Board Chair. Policy Board members must be members in good standing of the Waukesha County Business Alliance.

Members of the Policy Board will serve a one (1) year term. Service will be reviewed annually and can be renewed by invitation of the Policy Board Chair.

The Policy Board will have (3) officers – Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. These officers will be appointed by the Alliance Board Chair. Individuals can serve in a specific officer role no more than three (3) consecutive years, but can advance to a new officer position after an initial three (3) year term.

The Alliance Board Chairman may appoint to emeritus membership any person preeminent by ability and high character deemed worthy of such distinction, and confer upon such person the privileges of the Policy Board. A proposal to confer emeritus membership shall be presented to the full Policy Board for approval by a majority vote.

The Policy Board will meet at least four (4) times per year. The Association President will participate in these meetings; cause to be prepared notices, agendas and meeting minutes; and provide additional support as needed.

The Policy Board shall each year identify and prioritize a limited number of public policy issues to be considered in the coming year and assign those issues to the appropriate Policy Committee or create a new committee to address an issue if needed. The purpose of the committees in all cases shall be limited to the analysis, development and ultimate presentation to the Policy Board a recommendation of a solution or appropriate response to the issue assigned to that committee. An initial presentation of a committee's report and recommendation for action may be made to the Alliance's Executive Committee prior to presentation of a final report and recommendation to the Alliance Board of Directors. The Alliance Board has the final authority for establishing the organization's public policy positions.

Meetings of the Policy Board or its committees may be conducted by telephone or other communication technology in accordance with Chapter 181 Wis.Stats. or any successor thereto.