

Polk County Board of Supervisors Boards and Commissions Appointment Policy

Policy

The Polk County Board of Supervisors strives to appoint representatives to Boards and Commissions that will be representative of Polk County as a whole.

Definition

Bi-Partisan – Both major political parties are represented on the board or commission.

Gender Balanced – An equal representation of both men and women shall be represented on any board or commission.

Geographic Balance – Appointee must be a resident of Polk County and if provided by statute, each supervisor district shall have representation on any board or commission.

Good Faith Effort – A conscience effort will be made to meet this adopted policy.

Purpose

It is the responsibility of the Polk County Board of Supervisors to appoint representatives to boards and commissions. These boards and commissions should reflect the composition of Polk County. The Polk County Board of Supervisors will make a conscience and good faith effort to ensure that consideration of representation on the various boards and commissions is bi-partisan, gender balanced and representative of the overall county population in regard to the following criteria: age, race, economic and geographical. The Board of Supervisors will look toward bi-partisan representation ensuring both major political parties have at least some representation on each commission. The Board of Supervisors will, when possible, look for a gender balance on each commission. The target percentages of each of the preceding criteria will be based on the last decennial census for Polk County.

Procedures

- 1) An applicant information form shall be completed by each person interested in serving on a board or commission. The applicant information form shall require that the following information be completed: political party, gender, age, race, economic data and geographic location.
- 2) Appointed representatives to various boards and commissions shall have a background or interest conducive to the board or commission they represent.
- 3) Board and commission representatives shall be eligible for reappointment upon completion of their term if allowed by statute and/or the bylaws of the board or commission on which they serve.

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