

TOMPKINS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS UPDATED
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Advisory Board on Indigent Representation (ABIR) N/C

Est. via Res. No. 293 of 1987; bylaws approved by Resolution No. 39 of 2/7/89; amended by Res. 7 and 60 of 2000, Res. No. 233-05; and Local Law No. 1 of 2002; 13 members with three-year terms. Majority of the Board shall consist of attorneys recommended for membership by the TC Bar Association. Res. No. 233 of 2005 Bylaws amended to allow exceptions to term limits.

Contact: Julia Hughes, Program Coordinator for Assigned Counsel
272-7487

- 11 - At-large representatives
- 2 - Tompkins County Legislators

Function: The purpose of this Board is to insure effective, high-quality representation for indigent persons at a reasonable cost. In conjunction with that purpose, the Board's responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the study, review and recommendations concerning appropriate modifications to the existing program under Article 18-B of the County Law for providing representation through assigned attorneys in Criminal Court and in the Family Court, and to study, review and make recommendations in regard to the possible creation of a public defender. The Board will also advise the Tompkins County Bar Association on various issues relating to representation of indigents in the criminal courts and family courts in Tompkins County.

Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board

Established via Resolution No. 405 of 1992; 11 members (at least four shall be ex-officio) with four-year terms. Bylaws amended by Res. No. 54 of 2004.

Contact: Monika Roth, Cooperative Extension
272-2292

- 4 representatives of farming
- 1 Agriculture Land Preservation representative
- 1 County Legislator
- 1 Agri-business representative

Ex-officio members (voting members):

Terms coterminous with tenure in such office:

- Planning Commissioner or Designee
- Cooperative Extension Agent
- Director of Assessment or Designee
- Chair, Soil and Water Conservation District

Function: The purpose of this Board is to determine which agricultural lands fit the criteria for inclusion in an agricultural district and in addition it shall advise the County Board of Representatives and work with the County Planning Board in relation to the proposed establishment, modification, continuation, or termination of any agricultural district. It will also render expert advice as to the nature of farming and farm resources within any proposed or established area and the relation of farming in such area to the County as a whole.

Air Service Board

Created by Resolution No. 281 of 2005. Seven members with three-year terms, no limit on the number of terms a member may serve. The Board will continue until December 31, 2008, at which time the County will conduct a review and determine whether to continue.

Contact: Robert Nicholas, Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport
257-0456

- Member of the Legislature
- Commissioner of Planning and Public Works

- Representative of Cornell University with functional responsibility for air travel issues
- 4 At-Large members representing varied economic development, business, and airport-user interests

Function: The Board is to serve as an advisory board to the Airport Manager focusing on policy and procedures to ensure the successful operation of the airport. It is to assist the Airport Manager in preparation of a budget that will support air service in the county, to consult on opportunities for state and federal funding, to promote the best possible use of all airport resources, to improve existing services whenever possible, and to formulate policy for confirmation by the Legislature.

Assessment Review Board

Established via Local Law No. 2 of 1971; revised by Local Law No. 1 of 1979; Local Law No. 1 of 2003; at least three members but no more than five; five-year terms.

Contact: Valeria Coggin, Director of Assessment
274-5517

- 3 to 5 At-large representatives who must have knowledge of real property values in the County. (No more than one member's term shall expire in any one year. Neither the Director of Assessment or staff of the Division shall be appointed to this Board.)

Function: The purpose of this Board is to hear and determine complaints in relation to assessments and shall have all the powers and duties now or thereafter imposed by law on Boards of Review by Section 512 of the Real Property Tax Law and by any other law. This Board shall be the final assessing authority for all property concerning which a written complaint has been filed.

Board of Health N/C

Section 340-343 of Public Health Law; 8 members with six-year terms. Bylaws adopted 5/16/95. Revised by Local Law No. 1 of 2003 and Res. No. 36 of 2004.

Contact: Alice Cole, Health Department
274-6674

- 3 physicians
- 1 County Legislator
- 1 City of Ithaca Representative
- 3 At-large members

Function: The purpose of this Board is to formulate, promulgate, adopt, amend, or repeal and publish rules, regulations, orders and directives for the security of the life and health in the health district which shall not be inconsistent with the Public Health Law of State Sanitary Code. These rules, regulations, orders, and directives are known as the County Sanitary Code.

Community Affirmative Action Committee N/C

Created by Resolution No. 265 of 1985; amended by Res. No. 176 of 1975 and Res. 242 of 1999. Bylaws adopted via Res. 33 of 2000. Tompkins County Affirmative Action Plan adopted June 11, 1985; 10 members - 6 designated seats - 1 year term; four at-large seats with three-year terms.

Contact: Anita Fitzpatrick, Personnel Department
274-5526

- 1 Department Head
- 1 Supervisor or management employee
- 1 County employee (non-management)
- 1 Human Rights Commissioner
- 1 Member of the Legislature
- 1 Affirmative Action professional (representing the City of Ithaca or Ithaca City School District)
- 4 Community at-large members

Function: The purpose of this Committee is to assist the County in achieving equity in employment opportunities and in fulfilling other planned objectives as outlined in the Affirmative Action Plan.

Community Mental Health Services Board N/C

Est. 8/23/65 via Local Law No. 2; Local Law No. 1 of 2003; revised bylaws approved by Resolution No. 177 of 1996; 15 members with four-year terms; no limit on the number of terms a member may serve.

Contact: Judy DeGrusso, Tompkins County Mental Health 274-6300

- 1 Certified psychologist or licensed physician (may be filled with at-large if no psychologist or physician applies)
- 1 Licensed physician (may be filled with at-large member if no physician applies)
- 13 At-large members

Function: The Board is responsible for developing the community preventative, rehabilitative and treatment services offering continuity of care; for improving and expanding existing community programs for individuals with mental illness, mental retardation, developmental disabilities and those suffering from the diseases of alcoholism and substance abuse. Planning for the integration of community and state services and facilities for the mental disabled and for cooperating with local governments and with the state in the provision of joint services and sharing of resources.

*There are three subcommittees consisting of nine members each with four-year terms. Each subcommittee has six community member seats. Contact Judy DeGrusso, Tompkins County Mental Health, 274-6300.

- Substance Abuse Subcommittee
- Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee
- Mental Health Subcommittee

Criminal Justice Advisory/Alternatives to Incarceration Board (CJA/ATI)

Est. by Res. No. 129 and 62 of 1985; renamed 2/18/86 by Res. No. 57. Additional members added via Res. No. 367 of 1986, Res. No. 69 of 1991, Res. No. 333 of 1995, and Res. No. 151 of 1996. Defense Bar seat est. via Res. No. 160 of 1992. 23 members with three-year terms. Bylaws amended by Res. No. 128 of 2004.

Contact: Susan Cook, County Attorney's Office 274-5546

- 1 City Judge
- 1 Probation Department Director
- 1 District Attorney
- 1 Representative from a private organization in County with experience in ATI or pre-trial programs
- 1 Tompkins County Sheriff
- 1 County Court Judge
- 1 Member of the Defense Bar
- 1 Mental Health Professional
- 1 County Legislator
- 1 Cayuga Heights Police
- 1 Town Justice
- 1 Jail Administrator
- 1 County Attorney
- 1 Law guardian
- 1 DSS Juvenile representative
- 1 Not-for-Profit Juvenile Services Program
- 1 Assigned Counsel Administrator
- 1 Police Chief
- 6 At-Large representatives
- 1 Crime Victim representative
- 1 Mental Health Director

Function: This Board studies and identifies needs and recommends effective methods for meeting the needs of the

County's criminal justice system. The Board also prepares and supervises the County's Alternatives to Incarceration Plan.

Emergency Communications Review and Oversight Committee

Est. via Resolution No. 265 of 1994; amended by Resolution No. 286 of 1997; Reorganized via Res. No. 318 of 2002; amended by Res. No. 28 of 2006; 15 members with three-year terms.

Contact: Lee Shurtleff, Director of Emergency Response 257-3888

- 1 Volunteer Fire/EMS chief representative (representing west part of County)
- 1 Volunteer Fire/EMS chief representative (representing east part of County)
- 1 Volunteer ambulance squad member
- 1 Volunteer fire member
- The New York State Police Zone Commander or designee
- The Director of Cornell Public Safety or Designee
- The Director of the Ithaca College Campus Safety or designee
- The Tompkins County Director of Emergency Response
- The Ithaca Fire Chief or designee
- The Manager of Commercial Ambulance Service or designee
- The Tompkins County Sheriff or designee
- The Ithaca Police Chief or designee
- 1 Village Police Chief (representing village police departments)
- 1 member of the County Legislature Public Safety Committee
- The E911 Dispatch Director

Function: The purpose of this Committee is to oversee the planning, implementation, and operations of the E911 system by working with public safety agencies, governmental officials, and equipment, service and software providers to assure that an efficient system is in operation.

Economic Development Loan Oversight Committee

Est. via Res. 293 of 1999. The Tompkins County Legislature appoints members from the following constituencies who serve at the pleasure of the Legislature.

Contact: Ed Marx, Commissioner of Planning and Public Works 274-5560

- Previous Recipient
- Tompkins County Business Advisor (TCAD)
- Tompkins County Legislature (appropriate committee chair)
- Bank Representative
- Small Business Owner
- Commissioner of Planning
- Tompkins County Finance Director
- Tompkins County Attorney

Function: To recommend redistribution of the funds as per the Economic Development Loan guidelines for Tompkins County Small Cities Economic Development Loans as adopted by Res. 152 of 1999.

Environmental Management Council (EMC) N/C

Est. via Resolution No. 103 of 5/10/71; R200-91, R244-93; restructured via Resolution No. 295 of 1999, added to Charter via Local Law No. 1 of 2003. Initially, all members had two-year terms; via Resolution No. 322 of 1999 terms were staggered. Total membership is to be not less than 21 members and not more than 28 members. Chair to be confirmed by Legislature.

Contact: Joan Jurkovich, Planning Department 274-5560

- 12 At-large seats
- 16 Municipal seats (one designated for each municipality in Tompkins County) *Resolution No. 295 of 1999 contains

stipulations regarding municipalities forfeiting seats if no recommendation is received.

Function: The purpose of the EMC is to identify problems, propose priorities and promote coordination of activities in the development and management of natural resources and to provide a public forum for the discussion and resolution of these problems and completion of proposed projects.

Ethics Advisory Board

Established via Local Law No. 2 of 1997 (supersedes all previous local laws); Chair is appointed by the Chair of the Legislature; 5 members with four-year terms.

Contact: Cathy Covert, Clerk of the Legislature
274-5434

- 4 County residents
- 1 Elected or Appointed County Official

Function: This Board shall meet at least once per year and within thirty days after receipt of written complaints of alleged unethical practices which may be brought forward by a County employee or official. This Board shall also review annual financial disclosure forms and conflict of interest statements.

Family Court Advisory Council

Est. via Resolution No. 263 of 10-22-79; amended by Resolution No. 66 of 2/19/91 and Resolution No. 348 of 12/7/93. Bylaws do not exist; 13 members with three-year terms.

Contact: Nancy Zook, Youth Services Department
274-5310

- 1 DSS representative
- 1 Youth Board representative
- 1 Family and Children's Service representative
- 1 School representative
- 1 Probation Department representative
- 1 Police agency representative
- 1 Mental Health representative
- 3 - 6 At-large representatives

Function: To study and identify needs of Tompkins County's Family Court system, monitoring of the system, and recommending effective methods for meeting the needs of the system, and gathering relevant data regarding the operation of the family court system.

Fire, Disaster, and EMS Advisory Board

Est. via Resolution No. 24 of 2/13/51 and Local Law No. 1 of 2003; bylaws updated May, 1992, R178-92; maximum 21 voting members with three-year terms (alternates are optional).

Contact: Lee Shurtleff, Director of Emergency Response
257-3888

- 4 City of Ithaca Delegates
- 1 Town of Danby Delegate
- 3 Town of Dryden Delegates
- 1 Town of Caroline Delegate
- 2 Town of Groton Delegates
- 1 Town of Enfield Delegate
- 2 Town of Lansing Delegates
- 1 Town of Newfield Delegate
- 2 Town of Ulysses Delegates
- 2 Village of Cayuga Heights Delegates
- 2 At-large representatives

Function: To develop and maintain programs for fire and EMS training and mutual aid in cases of fire and other public emergencies in which the service of fire and other emergency personnel would be used. To work with the Tompkins County Legislature in connection with establishment and maintenance of a County fire training school, mutual aid programs and any other duties the Legislature may prescribe in cases of fire and other public emergencies in which the services of fire and other emergency personnel would be used.

Fish and Wildlife Management Board

Environmental Conservation Law Sec. 11-050. Two-year terms; a member may only serve four successive terms. Alternate representatives may be appointed and have voting privileges.

Contact: NYSDEC

1-800-388-8244

- 1 Rural landowner owner
- 1 Sportsman's representative
- 1 County Legislator

Function: To develop fish and wildlife practices that will preserve and develop resources of the State and improve access to them for recreational purposes by the people of the State.

Hillview Road Landfill Citizens Advisory Committee

Est. via Resolution No. 497 of 12-18-90; amended by Resolution No. 85 of 3/5/91, R282-91, R51-04; bylaws adopted by Resolution No. 231 of 8/10/93; bylaws amended by Resolution No. 51 of 2004. 7 members with three-year terms.

Contact: Ken Thompson, Assistant Solid Waste Manager
273-6632

- 2 Town of Danby representatives
- 2 Neighborhood representatives
- 2 At-large representatives
- 1 County Legislator

Function: This Committee advises the appropriate Committee of the Tompkins County Legislature during the planning, design, operation, maintenance, closure, and post closure of the landfill and shall include comment on aspects related the planning, design, operation, and maintenance of the landfill site, monitoring of the site during use and after closure, the approach roads, compensation to landowners, and municipalities impacted.

Homeownership Oversight Committee

Established via Res. No. 42 of 1994; no set terms.

Contact: Jeanne Leccese, Planning Department
274-5560

- 1 At-large
- 1 Tompkins County Mortgage Company
- 1 Planning Commissioner
- 1 Planning Committee Chair
- 1 Finance Director
- 1 Director of Better Housing for Tompkins County (ex-officio)

Board of Human Rights Commissioners N/C

Est. via Resolution No. 290 of 1963 and Local Law No. 1 of 2003; R211-92; revised bylaws adopted by Resolution No. 67 of 1999; three-year terms; 15 members.

Contact: Shawn Martel-Moore, Human Rights Commission
277-4080

- 15 At-large representatives

Function: The purpose of the Commission is to encourage equality of treatment for, and discourage discrimination against, any person on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, creed, actual or perceived sexual orientation/preference, sexual minority status, national origin, age, disability, marital status, or arrest and conviction record.

Industrial Development Agency

Est. via Resolution No. 46 of 1971; membership increased 4/1/86; serves at the pleasure of the County Legislature; revised bylaws adopted 11/21/01; 7 members. Appointments made by resolution.

Contact: Michael Stamm at Tompkins County Area
Development

273-0005

- At least 4 members from the Tompkins County Legislature which shall include at least one City and two rural representatives
- 1 Member from the TCAD Board of Directors
- 2 At-large representatives

County Administrator and Planning Commissioner shall be ex-officio, non-voting members.

Function: To promote, develop, and assist in acquiring, constructing, and furnishing industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research, and recreational facilities and thereby advancing job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of New York State.

Joint Operations Committee

Established via Resolution No. 25 of 2/3/98; three-year terms; 9 members.

Contact Lee Shurtleff, Director of Emergency Response 257-3888

- 2 Fire service members from the eastern side of the County
- 2 Fire service members from the western side of the County
- 2 Fire service members from the City of Ithaca
- 1 Fire service member from the Town of Ithaca
- 1 Private industry representative
- 1 Representative from the Tompkins County Fire, Disaster and EMS office

Function: The Committee is to develop policies and procedures for the administration, use, and maintenance of the Ithaca Fire Department Training Center. The Committee shall also have the primary responsibility for future planning for the Regional Training Center.

Library Board of Trustees N/C

Est. 9-11-67 pursuant to Section 255 of Education Law. 11 members established 11/76 by Resolution No. 221; Res. No. 7 of 99; Local Law No. 6 of 1981 fixed terms of office; Local Law No. 1 of 1999 – three-year terms; Local Law No. 1 of 2003; no less than 5 members; no more than 15.

Contact: Janet Steiner, Public Library Director 272-4557

- Up to 15 At-large members

Function: To promote sound fiscal management and review of the Library's operations and to establish proper accountability by the Library of funds received from the County.

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Est. Fall, 1987 - appointments made by the Tompkins County Legislature with the approval of the New York State Disaster Preparedness Commission. Bylaws revised in June, 1992; R287-88, R187-92; 15 members with no set terms.

Contact: Lee Shurtleff, Director of Emergency Response 257-3888

- Chair, Public Safety Committee
- Chair, Health Committee
- Fire and Disaster Coordinator
- City Fire Chief
- Public Health Director
- University Safety Officer
- Print Media representative
- Broadcast Media representative
- Community representative
- Law enforcement representative
- Hospital representative
- 4 Facility Owner and Operator representatives

Ex-Officio members:

- Chair, Tompkins County Legislature
- NYS Police

Function: The principal duty of the LEPC is to develop an emergency response plan for Tompkins County and the municipalities and organizations, businesses and industrial facilities within the County.

Local Empire Zone Administrative Board

Created via Local Law 5 of 2005. Bylaws adopted via Res. No. 221 of 2006. Not less than 6 members; three-year terms. The Chair shall be the Commissioner of Planning.

Currently (in 2007) there are 9 total members

Contact: Heather Filiberto, TCAD 273-0005

- Representative of organized labor
- Representative of a financial institution
- Representative of an educational institution
- Representative of business
- Representative of community organizations
- Resident of the Empire Zone

Function: The Board shall be responsible for coordinating, monitoring, and evaluating Empire Zone (EZ) benefits on behalf of Tompkins County in accordance with Article 18-B of the New York State General Municipal Law, the enabling legislation for the Empire Zone.

Mental Health Subcommittee N/C

Legislature appoints 9 members; 4 year terms

Contact: Judy DeGrusso, Mental Health 274-6300

- 9 Community Member representatives
- 3 Mental Health Board representatives

Function: Responsible for program planning and program evaluations of the agencies assigned to them. They will review all new program proposals and will develop the local governmental plan for the disability they represent. They bring their written recommendations on the above to the Mental Health Services Board for its consideration.

Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities Subcomm. N/C

Legislature appoints 9 members; 4 year terms

Contact: Judy DeGrusso, Mental Health 274-6300

- 6 Community Member representatives
- 3 Mental Health Board representatives

Function: Responsible for program planning and program evaluations of the agencies assigned to them. They will review all new program proposals and will develop the local governmental plan for the disability they represent. They bring their written recommendations on the above to the Mental Health Services Board for its consideration.

Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance

Established via Res. No. 237 of 2001. The following individuals are appointed to serve on the Board of Directors as the County representatives. As representatives they are authorized to execute any agreement with MEGA on behalf of Tompkins County. Appointed by the Chair of the Legislature.

Contact: Jennifer Luu, 274-7526

- 3 Directors

Neighborhood Advisory Committee for the Commercial Avenue Central Processing Facility

Established via Resolution No. 343 of 1989; revised by Resolutions 78 and 468 of 1990, and 140 and 141 of 1991; 9 members with three-year terms; no limit on the number of terms a member can serve. (This group is inactive at this time.)

Contact: Linnett Short, Solid Waste Division 273-6632

- 2 City of Ithaca members

- 1 Town of Ithaca representative
- 2 Business community representatives
- 2 Residential/neighborhood representatives
- 1 County Legislator
- 1 At-large representative

Function: The Neighborhood Advisory Committee was established to minimize neighborhood concerns about the citing of the Central Processing Facility. The Committee is to advise the Legislature on planning, design, construction, and operation of the Processing Facility on Commercial Avenue in the City of Ithaca.

Office for the Aging Advisory Committee N/C

Est. by Local Law No. 1 of 7/15/1974; amended by Local Law No. 1 of 1978 to increase from 9 to 15 members (Res. No. 34 of 2/13/78), and Local Law No. 1 of 2003; may not serve more than three consecutive terms.

Contact: Lisa Holmes, Office for the Aging
274-5482

- 15 members. *At least half of the members have to be 60 years of age or older; remaining members shall be At-large members who are concerned with the interests of the elderly.

Function: To advise the Tompkins County Legislature and the Director of the Office for the Aging on matters relating to the quality of life for persons 60 years of age and older in Tompkins County.

Personal Emergency Response Service Advisory Board

Est. via Resolution No. 222 of 1985; six members with two-year terms with no limit on number of terms a member may serve.

Contact: Lisa Holmes, Office for the Aging
274-5482

- 1 At-large representative
- 1 County Legislator
- 4 representatives of agencies dealing with aging or disabled clients

Function: This Board is responsible for recommending policies and procedures for operation of the Personal Emergency Response System and for developing criteria to be used in requesting proposals from non-County agencies to take over the administrative and outreach activities of the service.

Planning Advisory Board

Established via Local Law No. 1 of 1995, Local Law No. 1 of 2003; bylaws approved via Resolution No. 48 of 2003, R214-96; 19 members with three-year terms.

Contact: Tompkins County Planning Department
274-5560

- 1 Member of the program committee or designee
- 1 Economic development representative
- 1 Human services representative
- 1 Transportation representative
- 1 Natural Environment representative
- 1 Housing representative
- 1 Agriculture representative
- 2 Education representatives
- 3 At-large representatives
- 1 Land Preservation/Public Land Management representative
- 1 Business representative
- 1 Local Planning (non-urban) representative
- 1 Built Environment Design representative
- 1 Infrastructure/Utilities representative
- 1 Local Planning (urban) representative
- 1 Cultural/Historic Preservation representative

Function: The purpose of this Board is to provide the Tompkins County Legislature and the Commissioner of

Planning with advice on comprehensive land use planning and matters relating to regional, County, and municipal planning consistent with Article 12-H of the NYS General Municipal Law (GML) and the Tompkins County Charter.

Public Information Advisory Board

Est. via Resolution No. 135 of 1999; Eight members with two-year terms. Bylaws adopted 8/20/02 via Res. No. 207.

Contact: Marcia Lynch, Public Information Officer
274-5555

- 8 At-large representatives
- Ex-officio (non-voting) members: Public Information Coordinator, County Legislator, County staff member

Function: Advise the Public Information Advisory Board and the Tompkins County Legislature on effective ways to gain meaningful input from the public in areas including but not limited to: annual public forum on the County budget, ways to increase quantity and effectiveness of public input to County Board and input on recruitment practices for advisory boards.

Regional Forest Practice Board

Est. 7/1946; not less than 3 members. 2 year terms.

Contact: David Sinclair, Asst. Regional Forester in Region 7
607-753-3095

- At-least two landowner representatives
- 1 County Legislator (two-year term)

Function: To provide for the development and maintenance of a forest resources planning program to conserve, improve, and protect natural resources and the environment.

Soil and Water Conservation District

Est. via Resolution No. 53 of 1944; three-year terms, County Legislator – one-year term; 5 members.

Contact: Craig Shutt, Soil and Water Conservation District Office
257-3820

- 2 County Legislators
- 1 At-large representative
- 1 Grange representative
- 1 Farm Bureau representative

Function: To conduct surveys, investigations, and research relating to the character of soil erosion, floodwater, sediment damages, nonpoint source water pollution, and the preventative and control measures needed to publish the results of such surveys, investigate or research and to disseminate information concerning such preventative and control measures.

South Central Resource Conservation and Development Committee District

The Council is composed of a representative from each of the 12 governing bodies (Tompkins County Legislature), a rep from each of the Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors, and at-large representative from each of the 12 counties as approved by the executive Board. Tompkins County appoints one member for an unlimited term. That person remains a member until a replacement is appointed.

Contact: Phil Metzgar, RD #1 Box 20-36, Norwich, NY 13815

Function: To provide leadership in conservation, development, and best use of natural resources, and improving economic opportunities for people in the district (Chenango, Broome, Cortland, Delaware, Madison, Otsego, Tioga, Tompkins, Schoharie, and Sullivan counties).

STOP-DWI Advisory Board

Est. via Res. 317 of 1982 - Governor signed into law in 1981; Local Law No. 1 of 2003. Bylaws adopted by Res. No. 71 of 4-7-82; amended by Res. 28 of 1986, 399 of 1988, 231 of 1989, and

membership amended via Res. No. 152 of 1992. Fifteen members with three-year terms.

Contact: Michelle Barber, DA's Office
274-5461

- Public Safety Committee member
- At-large representative (preferably youth)
- Sheriff's Department representative
- City Police Department representative
- Village Police Department representative
- 4 At-large representatives
- District Attorney representative
- Alcoholism Council representative
- Substance Abuse Subcommittee of the Mental Health Board
- Probation Department representative
- Public Schools or BOCES representative
- Restaurant, Tavern, & Motel Owners Association Representative

*This Board may have an ad-hoc, non-voting member.

Function: This board advises the STOP-DWI Coordinator on programs to reduce alcohol-related offenses, relates the County-wide program to State and regional programs, and informs the public and private sectors of the DWI problem and the means of maintaining safety in the County.

Strategic Tourism Planning Board N/C

Est. via Res. No. 339 of 1998 to replace the Advisory Board on Tourism Development; Bylaws amended by Res. Nos. 145 and 231 of 2000, Res. Nos. 272 of 2001, and Res. No. 29 of 2002; 18 members with three-year terms.

Contact: Jackie Kippola, Administration
274-5548

- 2 Representatives from hotels/bed and breakfasts
- 2 Representatives from the retail sector
- 2 Recreation representatives (including agriculture)
- 2 Culture representatives
- 2 Arts representatives
- 1 Cornell University representative
- 1 Ithaca College representative
- 3 Media/communications, industry, travel industry representative
- 1 Restaurant representative
- 2 At-large representatives

Function: This Board reviews and evaluates the activities of all entities receiving Room Occupancy Tax and recommends to the Legislature the most appropriate and effective use of room tax funds.

Substance Abuse Subcommittee N/C

Legislature appoints 9 members; 4 year terms.

Contact: Judy DeGrusso, Mental Health
274-6300

- 6 Community Member representatives
- 3 Mental Health Board representatives

Function: Responsible for program planning and program evaluations of the agencies assigned to them. They will review all new program proposals and will develop the local governmental plan for the disability they represent. They bring their written recommendations on the above to the Mental Health Services Board for its consideration.

Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, Inc. Board of Directors

Est. via Res. No. 290 of 1997; 9 members with three-year terms. County only appoints County representatives.

Contact: Joe Turcotte, TCAT
277-7433

- 3 Tompkins County representatives
- 3 City of Ithaca representatives

- 3 Cornell University representatives

Function: The purpose of this Board is to establish, maintain, and improve an efficient and coordinated public transportation system in Tompkins County and the surrounding areas. The TCAT Board also assists in the development of improved public transportation facilities, equipment, techniques, and methods with the cooperation of public and private companies.

Tompkins County Area Development Board of Directors

Bylaws adopted 1/14/88; at-large seats are for three-year terms, all others are one-year terms; 22 members, revised bylaws filed 1/23/97. Chair of the Tompkins County Legislature nominates one voting member and one ex-officio (Planning Commissioner).

Contact: Michael Stamm at Tompkins County Area Development.

273-0005

- 1 Chamber of Commerce Chair or VC
- 1 Nominated by the Mayor of the City of Ithaca
- 1 Nominated by the Chair of the Legislature
- 1 Nominated by the President of Cornell University
- 1 Nominated by the President of Ithaca College
- 1 Nominated by Tompkins Cortland Community College
- 1 Nominated by the IDA Chair
- 1 Nominated by the Office of Cornell Economic Devel.

14 At-large Members representing the following areas:

- 1 Banking Community
- 1 Commercial sector
- 3 Industrial sector
- 2 Rural Public Sector
- 1 Retail/Commercial
- 1 Labor representative
- 1 Tourism representative
- 4 At-large non-designated representatives

Ex-Officio (non-voting members)

- President the Chamber of Commerce
- Director of the City of Ithaca Planning Department
- Tompkins County Planning Department Commissioner
- Executive Director of TCAD
- Director of Cornell Research Park

Function: To encourage the location and expansion of industrial, research, and business facilities, the creation or new and improved job opportunities, the reduction of employment and the betterment of individual and community prosperity within Tompkins County.

Tompkins Cortland Community College Board of Trustees

Est. via Resolution No. 208 of 1966. Ten members - nine with nine-year terms and one with a one-year term. Local Law No. 1 of 2003.

Contact: Cathy Northrup, TC3
844-8211

- 4 Members appointed by the Governor
- 3 Members appointed by Tompkins County
- 2 Members appointed by Cortland County
- 1 Student Trustee (one-year term)

Function: All affairs, property, business, and policies of the College are under the control of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees establishes policies and delegates the responsibilities for administration of those policies to the President.

Tompkins County Water Resources Council N/C

Est. via Resolution No. 181 of 1997. Restructured via Res. 57 of 2000 (combined Council and Technical Committee). Bylaws amended by Res. Nos. 200-98, Res. 49, 50 and 51 of 2001, and Res. No. 40 of 2002. 24 voting members, 6 ex-officio (non-voting associate members). (2 add'l at-large seats added per Res. No. 211 of 2000) The term of office shall be for three years with initial appts. staggered so that one-third of the voting membership

expires annually. Tompkins County Legislators terms shall be for one year. There are no limits on the number of terms a member may serve.

Contact: Joan Jurkowich, Planning Department
274-5560

- 1 Cornell Cooperative Extension representative
- 1 Department of Planning representative
- 1 Environmental Management Council representative
- 1 Environmental Health representative
- 1 Soil and Water Conservation District representative
- 1 County government representative
- 3 Municipal government representatives
- 1 Agriculture representative
- 1 Business and Industry representative
- 1 Economic Development representative
- 1 Environment representative
- 1 Recreation representative
- 1 Water purveyor representative
- 1 Watershed organization representative
- 6 At-large representatives

6 non voting members:

- NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
- NYS Dept. of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Geologic Survey
- U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Association members are appointed by the Council.

Function: The Council focuses on identifying problems, proposing priorities, and promoting coordination of activities in the development and management of the County's water resources. A liaison will also be maintained with regional and neighboring planning agencies.

Traffic Safety Board

Est. via Local Law No. 1 of 2000; Up to 11 members (including five from the appropriate Board Committee that deals with Public Safety); three-year terms.

Contact: Michelle Pottorff, Chief Deputy Clerk, Legislature
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- Up to 5 members from the Public Safety Committee
- 1 Representative of the Tompkins County Sheriff's Department
- 1 Representative of the New York State Police
- 1 Representative from and Chosen by the City of Ithaca with the request that the person be a member of the City Police Department
- 1 Village Police official appointed by the Municipal Officials Association
- 1 Representative of the Tompkins County Highway Division
- 1 Representative from the Metropolitan Planning Organization

Function: The Traffic Safety board shall promote and encourage street and highway safety programs and coordinate efforts of all interested parties and agencies engaged in traffic safety education. The board shall also study traffic conditions on streets and highways within the County and study and analyze reports of accidents and causes thereof to promote safety education for drivers and pedestrians.

Tompkins County Workforce Investment Board

Created pursuant to the Workforce Investment Act of 1988. Bylaws adopted via Res. 181 of 1999 and amended by Res. 98 of 2000; Local Law No. 1 of 2003; Chair of the Tompkins County Legislature appoints all members. Bylaws amended via Res. No. 80 and 294 of 2007. Seats are not limited to one representative. Majority shall represent private sector; staggered three-year terms.

Contact: Jennifer Luu, Administrative Coordinator, Workforce Development, 274-7526

- At least 19 representatives
- Local education representative
- Labor organization representative
- Community-based organization representative
- Economic development representative
- A representative from each of the 11 Partners

Function: To oversee workforce development programs for the County and to research future employment needs of public and private sectors. The Board also works toward assuring that all Tompkins County residents are able to work and earn a wage they can live on.

Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Established via Resolution No. 227 of 2006. Composed of 15 – 25 undesignated seats representing County Legislature, County Staff, and the Community; 3-year staggered terms with two-term limit.

Contact: Cathy Covert, Tompkins County Legislature
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The current composition (in 2007) is as follows:

- 12 County staff members
- 3 Community members
- 3 Legislators

Function: To serve in an advisory capacity on issues relating to diversity and inclusion in employment and service within the Tompkins County work force; to encourage equality of treatment for and discourage discrimination in employment and customer service within Tompkins County, and to assist the Tompkins County Legislature in fulfilling the goals of the Diversity Policy Guidelines as adopted by Resolution No. 126 on July 18, 2006, and the Diversity and Inclusion plan.

Tompkins County Youth Services Board

Established by Res. No. 267 of 1976; Article 21 of the Tompkins County Charter and Code of 1970; amended by Local Law No. 1 of 2003; bylaws amended via Res. Nos. 54 of 1988, 52 of 1993, 53 of 1993, and 128 of 2003. Membership increased and amended by Local Law No. 2 of 1993; three-year terms; 28 members.

Contact: Nancy Zahler, Youth Services Director
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- 3 City of Ithaca representatives
- 1 Representative from each town/village (15 total)
- 10 At-large representatives (of which at least two but no more than six shall be filled with youth; with the rest representative of other areas of expertise including, but not limited to County departments and/or educational agencies, law enforcement, United Way voluntary organizations, business organizations, or labor.
- Non-voting liaison from County Legislature

Function: The Youth Services Board acts as a resource to municipalities in solving youth problems and enacting youth recreation and development programs. It is also the function of this Board to work with the Director of the Youth Bureau to recommend effective programs that will prevent and control delinquency and crimes by youth.
