

**148.260 Kentucky Horse Park Commission -- Members -- Terms -- Meetings -- Reimbursement for expenses -- Bylaws -- Advisory committee.**

- (1) There is hereby created and established an agency of state government to be known as the Kentucky Horse Park Commission, which shall constitute a separate administrative body of state government within the meaning of KRS 12.010(8) and under the provisions of KRS 12.015 shall be attached to the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet solely for administrative purposes.
- (2) The commission shall be composed of the following eighteen (18) members:
  - (a) The secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet or designee;
  - (b) The secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet or designee;
  - (c) The Commissioner of Agriculture or designee;
  - (d) The mayor of Lexington or designee;
  - (e) The Scott County judge/executive or designee;
  - (f) The dean of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment or designee; and
  - (g) Twelve (12) members appointed by the Governor who possess the ability to provide broad management expertise and direction in the operation of the Kentucky Horse Park and, to the extent possible, represent the diverse interests of the Kentucky horse industry, four (4) or more of whom represent the equine industry and four (4) or more of whom are active in industry, tourism, or commerce. The members of the commission appointed under this paragraph shall serve no more than three (3) consecutive four (4) year terms.
- (3) Members serving under subsection (2)(a) to (f) of this section shall serve as ex officio members with full voting rights, except as provided in subsection (4) of this section.
- (4) The Governor shall designate one (1) member of the commission to serve as chairperson and one (1) member of the commission to serve as vice chairperson, both of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The chairperson shall generally serve as a nonvoting member, but shall vote when there is a tie among the other members. The vice chairperson shall preside over meetings in the absence of the chairperson, and shall retain the right to vote unless serving in the capacity of chairperson.
- (5) If a vacancy occurs on the commission, the unexpired term shall be filled pursuant to the requirements and procedures for the original appointment.
- (6) The commission shall meet quarterly, and the chairperson shall preside over the meetings. The chairperson may call special meetings of the commission upon a request of the majority of the members of the commission, or upon request of the Governor.
- (7) Members shall be reimbursed only for expenses incurred in the discharge of official business, subject to regulations established by the Finance and Administration Cabinet. All expenses reimbursed to members shall be paid from operating funds of the Kentucky Horse Park.
- (8) The commission shall establish and maintain an office at the Kentucky Horse Park

for the transaction of its business and shall not establish any branch office. The commission may hold meetings at any other place when the convenience of the commission requires.

- (9) The commission shall be authorized to adopt bylaws providing for the call of its meetings, which shall be held at least quarterly, and for its operating procedures. A quorum of the commission shall consist of ten (10) members, and a quorum of members present at any duly-called meeting may act upon any matter before it for consideration. Each member shall have one (1) vote.
- (10) The Governor may establish an advisory committee to advise in the administration, development, and operation of the Kentucky Horse Park or other functions, activities, and programs provided for or authorized by KRS 148.258 to 148.320.

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