

CHAPTER 4.**THE MARSHALL ISLANDS YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD**

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An Act to create a Youth Advisory Board in the Republic to serve as an umbrella agency in youth development.

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§401. Short title.

This Chapter may be cited as the “Marshall Islands Youth Advisory Board Act 1986”. [P.L. 1986-9, §1.]

§402. Board.

(1) There shall be established a Board called the Marshall Islands Youth Advisory Board, hereinafter referred to as “the Board”.

(2) The Board shall comprise of the following members:

- (a) Chief Secretary;
- (b) Director of National Training Council;
- (c) President of Chamber of Commerce or his or her designee;
- (d) Secretary of the Ministry of Internal Affairs or his or her designee;
- (e) Secretary of Education or his or her designee;
- (f) UN Joint Presence Office representative; and
- (g) Five (5) members representing five (5) non-government organizations working

with youth related issues prioritized by the Board and the National Youth Policy, who will be appointed by the Secretary of Internal Affairs.

(3) The term of office of an NGO member shall be three(3) years and he or she may be reappointed for another term or more. Early membership terminations, without cause, will be the option of the minister. The appointment of a proper replacement will occur on the effective date of termination.

(4) Any member of the Board may be removed from office by the Minister without assigning any reason. [P.L. 1986-9, §2.][Amended by P.L.2011-55]

§403. Procedure.

(1) The Board shall sit at least twice a year and any other times as the Board agrees, and the quorum for any meeting of the Board shall be by a simple majority, or seven (7) members, counting at maximum of two NGO representatives.

(2) The Chief Secretary shall be the Chairperson of the Board and shall preside at all meetings, except that, in his or her absence, a senior officer designated by the Chairperson shall act as the temporary chairperson.

(3) The Ministry of Internal Affairs shall be the Secretary to the Board and shall give notices for meetings through the Office of the Chief Secretary, keep minutes of the meetings and maintain all records of the Board.

(4) The Board shall determine its own procedure for carrying out the purposes of this Chapter

(5) The Board shall appoint a national multi-sectoral technical group comprising of related youth professionals and other youth stakeholders to provide information and make recommendations to the Board. The Board shall also review the role of the national multi-sectoral working group, provide an overall framework of assignments to be undertaken by this working group, assess progress made on the assignments, and provide progress updates to the Cabinet. [P.L. 1986-9, §3.][Amended by P.L. 2011-55]

§404. Purposes of the Board.

The purposes of the Board shall be:

- (a) to determine the general youth goals and operating policies within which the National Youth Policy and youth service organization will be guided;
- (b) to review on periodic basis the National Youth Policy and make recommendations to the Cabinet for important directives and other necessary changes;
- (c) to advise the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Cabinet on youth related issues and programs;
- (d) to harmonize youth policies and programming across all sectors;
- (e) to advocate for adequate and appropriate resource allocations for youth development programs;
- (f) to do any such other tasks as the Board may deem necessary to effectively implement the objectives of this Chapter . [P.L. 1986-9, §4.][Amended by P.L. 2011-55]

§405. Report.

The Board shall at the end of each year submit to the Minister its report on its activities and findings with respect to the current year's work. The Board shall also make its recommendations with respect to its findings. [P.L. 1986-9, §5.]

§406. Accounts.

- (1) The Board may in its name maintain a bank account in a reputable bank and all donations, contributions from non-governmental organizations and grants from the Government of the Marshall Islands shall all be directly deposited in such account.
- (2) The monies in the account may be utilized for the activities and the purposes of the Board.
- (3) No money shall be withdrawn from the bank unless the Chairman and the Secretary of the Board both place their signatures on the checks.
- (4) The Board shall publish its duly audited accounts at the end of each year depicting its financial position. [P.L. 1986-9, §6.]

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