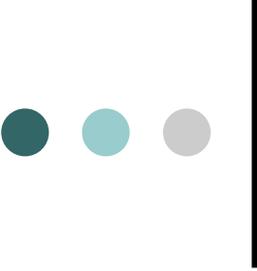




Recommendation to COG Board on Climate and Energy Policy Committee

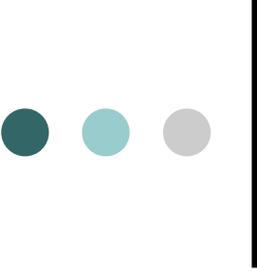
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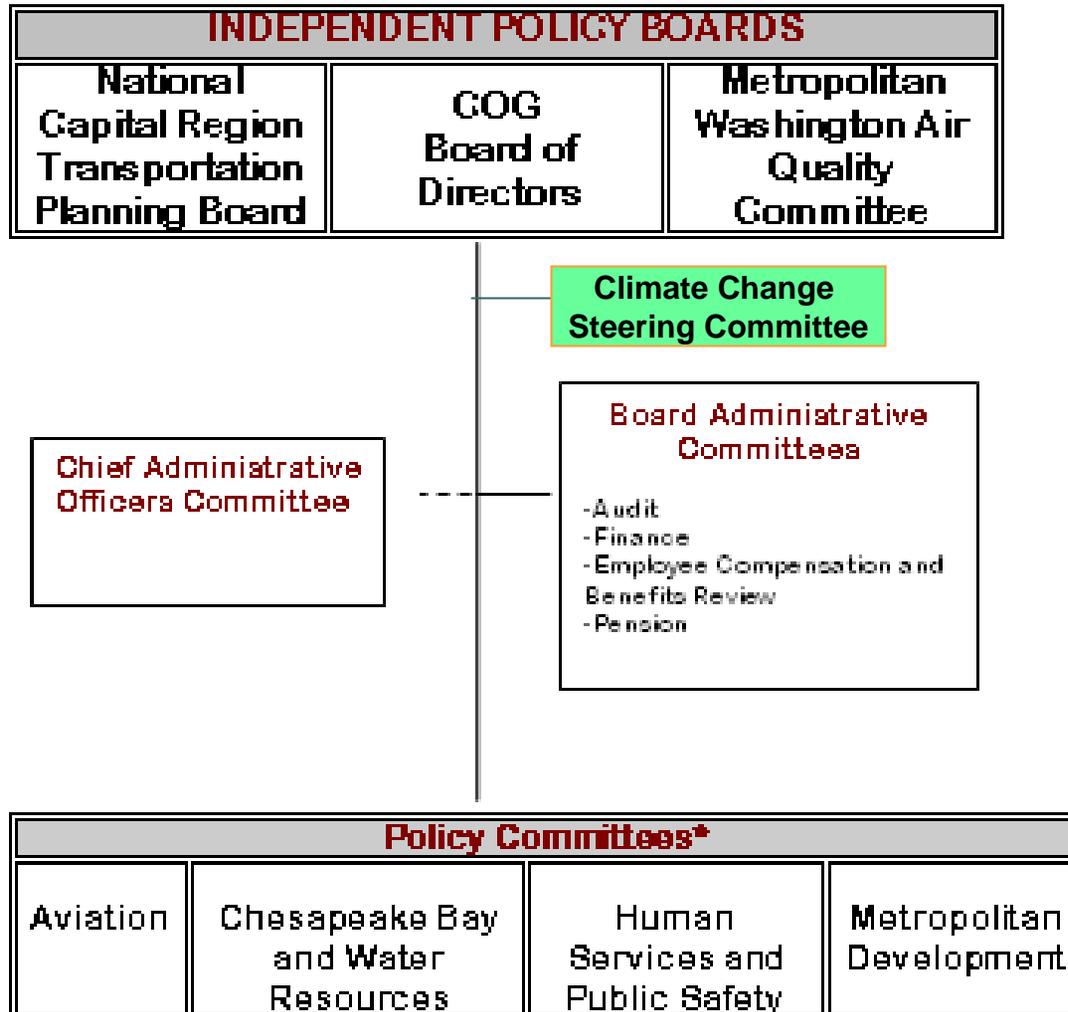
- 1970s - 1980s – 4 major policy committees reporting to COG Board:
 - Air Quality, Water Resources, Energy & Hazardous Waste, Airport Noise
- Late 1980s –
 - Environmental Policy Committee created, covers all environmental media except airport noise
 - Committee on Noise Abatement for National and Dulles Airports created



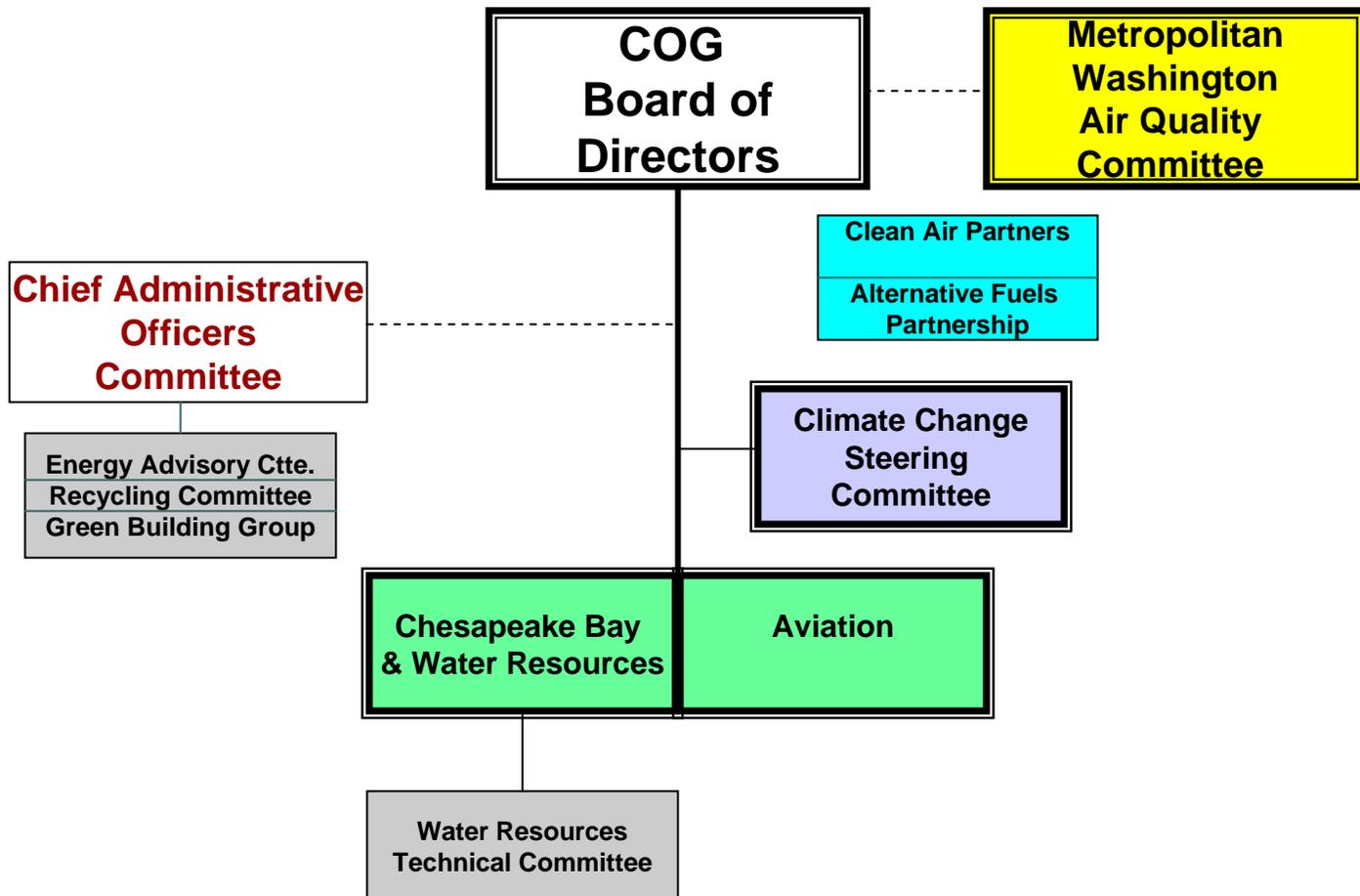
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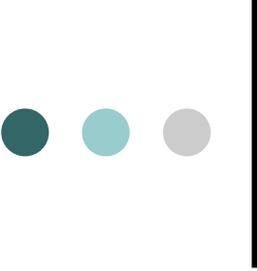
- 1992 – Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee created as independent policy board staffed by COG
- 1995 – Environment & Public Works Directors Committee replaces Environmental Policy Committee
- 1998 – Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee created
- 2003 – Chesapeake Bay & Water Resources Policy Committee created, EPWDC dissolved
- 2006 – Aviation Policy Committee created
- 2007 – Climate Change Steering Committee

Current COG Board Policy Committee Structure



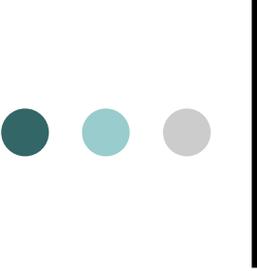
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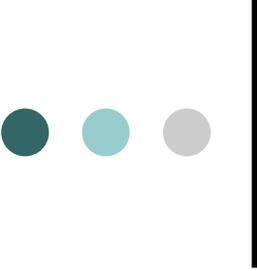
Oversight Options for COG Climate Change and Energy Programs

- Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee
- Environmental Policy Committee
- Climate & Energy Policy Committee
 - Potential Variations:
 - Energy & Environment Policy Committee
 - Climate, Energy & Environment Policy Committee
- Climate & Energy Public-Private Partnership



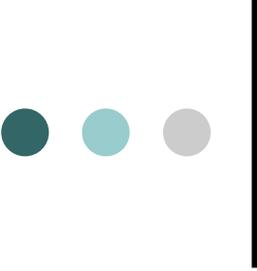
Recommended Option – **Climate & Energy Policy Committee**

- Mission
 - COG Board policy advisor on regional climate change and energy issues
- Scope
 - Climate change
 - Energy
 - Green building
 - Alternative fuels/fleets
 - Green airports
 - Adaptation (water resources, public safety and health issues)
 - Recycling/solid waste



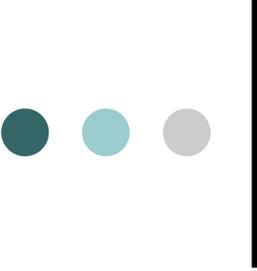
Membership

- Voting Members
 - COG member local governments
 - States
 - Environmental agencies
 - Energy agencies
 - Transportation agencies
- Affiliated Members
 - Regional agencies (WMATA, NVRC, MNCPPC)
 - Federal agencies (EPA, DOE, NCPC)
 - Stakeholders (business, environmental, utilities, academic)
 - Citizen advisory chair



Citizen Advisory & Technical Committees

- Citizen Advisory Committee – Use AQPAC
- Add Public Comment Period?
- Technical Committees
 - Create Climate & Energy Technical Committee
 - Primary technical committee for Climate & Energy Policy Committee
 - Absorbs Energy Advisory Committee
 - Coordinates with transportation, water resources, public safety, planning, and health committees as necessary
 - Intergovernmental Green Building Group, Recycling Committees report to Climate & Energy Policy Committee and coordinate with Climate & Energy Technical Committee



Other Elements for “Climate & Energy Policy Committee”

- Staffing – primarily COG/DEP with additional support from COG/TPB, health, planning, public safety
- Meeting Frequency
 - At least quarterly, likely bi-monthly
- Hold annual joint meeting of MWAQC, Chesapeake Bay & Water Resources, Climate & Energy committees to facilitate big picture understanding of and collaboration on regional environmental issues

Proposed COG Board Environmental Committee Structure

