



ROLE OF THE FUND COMMISSIONER

According to statute, each member municipality must appoint one (1) Commissioner to represent their municipality within the Fund. This is an appointed position and candidates may be either a member of the governing body of the municipality or a municipal employee. Each Fund Commissioner will have one (1) vote. Each member municipality may also appoint an Alternate Fund Commissioner to attend meetings in the absence of the member's regular Fund Commissioner.

A member of the municipality's governing body, serving as a Fund Commissioner, will serve for a two (2) year term or for the remainder of his/her term of office as a member of the governing body, whichever is less. If a municipal employee is appointed, he/she shall serve at the pleasure of the municipality and can be removed at any time without cause.

Fund Commissioners are generally responsible for the operation of the Fund in accordance with the Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Bylaws and all applicable state statutes and regulations. If the total number of Fund Commissioners exceeds seven (7), as soon as possible after the beginning of the Fund Year they shall meet and elect five (5) Fund commissioners to serve with the Chairperson and the Secretary as the Executive Committee of the Fund. During their terms of office, members of the Executive Committee shall exercise the full power and authority of the Commissioners except as expressly provided in the Fund Bylaws and the laws and regulations of the State of New Jersey.

Fund Commissioners attend all monthly meetings of the Fund and also serve on one or more standing committees such as Safety, Finance, Claims, Operations & Planning, Coverage, etc. They develop and recommend adoption of all policies and procedures that affect the Fund.

Most importantly, the Fund Commissioner is responsible for acting as a liaison between the member municipality and the Fund. As their municipal representative, they represent their town's interests. Because of this responsibility, it is a good idea for the Fund Commissioner to actively participate in all Fund activities and meetings. All information that the Fund Commissioner obtains at monthly meetings should be disseminated to interested parties within their town. Additionally, all communication from the Fund to the member municipality is addressed to the Fund Commissioner and so; he/she is responsible for making sure that this information is forwarded to the appropriate persons within their respective municipality.

Fund Commissioners serve the Fund without compensation.

You will find a current list of Fund Commissioners for the Municipal Joint Insurance Fund at the back of this section.