

**Housing Authority Board Structure in  
Major U.S. Cities and in Pennsylvania**

City	State	Population	# of Commissioners	Appointment Process	Board Role	Removing Board Members
New York City	New York	8,291,881	3	All members are appointed by the Mayor.	The Board Members are responsible for voting on contracts, resolutions, policies, motions, rules and regulations.	The Chairperson can be removed by the Mayor. Board members may only be removed for cause by application to the courts.
Los Angeles	California	3,831,868	7	All members are appointed by the Mayor.	The Board is responsible for policy, fiscal management and the appointment of the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Housing Authority.	All board members serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and can be removed at any time. (It is common practice for members to be replaced at the middle of the Mayor's term.)
Chicago	Illinois	2,851,268	10	All members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council.	The Board oversees the Housing Authority in 3 key areas: Finance and Audit, Operations and Facilities, and Tenant Services.	All board members serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and can be removed at any time.
Houston	Texas	2,257,926	4	All members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council.	The Board of Commissioners helps guide the Housing Authority by setting policy and providing leadership and oversight that enables the Housing Authority to reach its goals and advance its mission.	All board members serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and can be removed at any time.

Phoenix	Arizona	1,601,587	7	All members are appointed by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors.	The Board of Commissioners sets policy and provides general oversight and direction for the organization. In addition, they provide for the on-going management of the authority by hiring an Executive Director.	A commissioner may be removed by the mayor or board of supervisors for inefficiency, neglect of duty or misconduct in office.
Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	1,547,297	5	<b>Mayor appoints 2 members and Controller appoints 2 members. Final member is selected by the other 4 commissioners.</b>	<b>The Board authorizes all contracts, deeds and other instruments, and provides oversight to the management and operations of the authority.</b>	<b>A commissioner may only be removed for cause by application to the courts.</b>
San Antonio	Texas	1,373,668	7	All members are appointed by the Mayor.	The Board of Commissioners determines and interprets the policies that govern San Antonio Housing Authority.	All board members serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and can be removed at any time.
San Diego	California	1,306,301	7	All members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council.	The Board serves as an independent overseer of the agency, offering policy guidance, and reviewing proposed changes to housing policy, property acquisitions and other financial commitments.	Any member may be removed for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office, upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the City Council, at any time.

Dallas	Texas	1,299,543	5	All members are appointed by the Mayor.	The Board of Commissioners is responsible for establishing policies, as well as providing leadership and oversight to the organization.	All board members serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and can be removed at any time.
San Jose	California	964,695	7	All members are appointed by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.	The board sets policy for the organization and provides oversight for staff and its operations.	Information not available at this time
Detroit	Michigan	910,920	0	Detroit Housing Commission is managed by HUD	NA	NA
Baltimore	Maryland	637,418	4	All members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council.	The governing body sets policy guidelines and direction on all key operational and financial issues needed to maintain the Authority's conventional public housing units, rehabilitated housing, and Section 8 certificates and vouchers.	A commissioner may only be removed for cause by application to the courts.
Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania	311,647	7	Mayor appoints 4 members and Controller appoints 2 members. Final member is selected by the other 6 commissioners.	The board is charged with the task of establishing goals, approving policy and budgets, and providing general direction to the HACP Executive Staff.	Same as in Philadelphia

Erie	Pennsylvania	104,000	5	All members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council.	The Board authorizes all contracts, deeds and other instruments, and provides oversight to the management and operations of the authority.	Same as in Philadelphia
Reading	Pennsylvania	81,207	5	All members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council.	The Board authorizes all contracts, deeds and other instruments, and provides oversight to the management and operations of the authority.	Same as in Philadelphia
Harrisburg	Pennsylvania	48,950	5	All members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council.	The Board authorizes all contracts, deeds and other instruments, and provides oversight to the management and operations of the authority.	Same as in Philadelphia
Chester <sup>1</sup>	Pennsylvania	36,854	5	All members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council.	The Board authorizes all contracts, deeds and other instruments, and provides oversight to the management and operations of the authority.	Same as in Philadelphia

<sup>1</sup> Note: Chester is currently in receivership under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and has no seated board at this time. The information provided describes the structure for the board as delineated in the authority's bylaws and by state law.

Allentown	Pennsylvania	106,632	5	All members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council.	The Board authorizes all contracts, deeds and other instruments, and provides oversight to the management and operations of the authority.	Same as in Philadelphia
York	Pennsylvania	40,862	5	All members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council.	The Board authorizes all contracts, deeds and other instruments, and provides oversight to the management and operations of the authority.	Same as in Philadelphia