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## **2.1 SELECTION OF THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON (Adopted 6-13-95; Amended 11-3-15)**

It is a policy of the Board of Supervisors to select the Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson on a rotation basis. The selection is made by individual Supervisor and not simply a rotation by Supervisorial District. New Supervisors -- those with less than one year in the seat -- are generally exempt from serving as Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson during their first year, but they may be considered for both positions during the following year of their tenure on the Board.

Selection is generally made on a seniority basis and takes into account the number of years the member has not served as Chairperson while serving as a member of the Board. Generally, the member who is selected to serve as Vice-Chairperson is the Supervisor who is expected to assume Chairperson functions the following year after the completion of their tenure as Vice-Chairperson. While the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are formally nominated and elected on an annual basis, pursuant to the procedures set forth above, it is the custom and practice of the Board to select its Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for two successive, consecutive years in order to provide for continuity and efficiency of Board operations.



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Flexibility underlies this policy, and the policy does not attempt to formalize what constitutes a first year exemption; i.e., the Board may wish to consider a Supervisor for the position of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson even if the member has served less than a full calendar year during his or her first year on the Board. Further, circumstances may require the Board to appoint a Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson with less than one year's service on the Board if at some future point the County Board of Supervisors experience a high rate of turnover and three or more newly elected or appointed members become Supervisors.

This section of the Board Policy Manual, in its original format, can be found at <http://www.sccgov.org/sites/bos/Legislation/BOS-Policy-Manual/Documents/BOSPolicyCHAP2.pdf>.

### Related Policies

None.

### Related Forms and Information

None.

### History

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