

BOARD OF APPEALS

- Created:** Montgomery County Code, Sections 2-108 through Section 2-116.
- Term:** Four years.
- Purpose:** Exercise functions and powers of regional district as such functions and powers are prescribed in the Maryland-Washington Regional District Act (as revised and included in the new Land Use Article) to extent that such functions and powers are not vested in another administrative officer or agency. Hear and decide: all petitions for variances; and administrative appeals, including all appeals taken under the Building Code; all appeals concerning licenses for hospitals, sanitariums, nursing homes and care homes; and all appeals concerning licenses for private educational institutions. Also hear and decide appeals concerning: special exceptions decided by the Hearing Examiner, orders directing removal of diseased trees, orders concerning restaurant permits, licenses for places of amusement and amusement enterprises, the electrical contractors license law, and all other appeals as the Board may be authorized to hear from time to time by law, ordinance, or resolution.
- Membership:** Five members, who must be residents of the County, are appointed by the County Council. No more than three members shall be from the same political party. The Chair is appointed by the Council.
- Financial Disclosure:** Public financial disclosure statements must be filed.
- Compensation:** Chair - \$22,040; Member - \$15,595. Both receive annual cost-of-living adjustments each December to reflect 50% of the change in the Washington Area Consumer Price Index.
- Meetings:** Weekly hearings all day Wednesday and worksessions every other week, additional days as necessary.
- Current Members:**
- Chair, John Pentecost (Dem)** appointed 1/2013 (partial term), second term expires 9/2024
 - Bruce Goldensohn (Rep)** appointed 10/2015, second term expires 9/2023
 - Mary Gonzales (Dem)** appointed 10/2019, first term expires 9/2023
 - Richard Melnick (Unaffiliated)** appointed 4/2020 (partial term), expires 9/2022
 - Caryn Hines (Dem)** appointed 2/2021 (partial term), expires 9/2021