

### **175.7 Executive director staff.**

1. The executive director of the authority shall be appointed by a selection and tenure committee, which shall consist of the chairperson of the board, the vice chairperson of the board, and one member elected by the board, or their designees. The executive director shall serve at the pleasure of the board. The votes of three members of the committee are necessary for any substantive action taken by the committee. If a member has a conflict of interest, the board shall appoint a substitute member of the committee from the appointed members of the board for the duration of the conflict of interest. The executive director shall be selected primarily for administrative ability and knowledge in the field, without regard to political affiliation.

2. The executive director shall not, directly or indirectly, exert influence to induce any other officers or employees of the state to adopt a political view, or to favor a political candidate for office.

3. The executive director shall advise the authority on matters relating to agricultural land and property and agricultural finance, and carry out all directives from the authority, and shall hire and supervise the authority's staff pursuant to its directions and under the merit system provisions of chapter 8A, subchapter IV, except that principal administrative assistants with responsibilities in beginning farm loan programs, accounting, mortgage loan processing, and investment portfolio management are exempt from the merit system.

4. The executive director, as secretary of the authority, shall be custodian of all books, documents and papers filed with the authority and of its minute book and seal. The executive director may cause to be made copies of all minutes and other records and documents of the authority and give certificates under the seal of the authority to the effect that the copies are true copies and all persons dealing with the authority may rely upon the certificates.

[C81, § 175.7]

84 Acts, ch 1236, § 1; 86 Acts, ch 1245, § 630; 88 Acts, ch 1158, § 45; 96 Acts, ch 1029, § 2; 2003 Acts, ch 137, §3; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §203