

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Study Commission

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SUBJECT: Question and Answer Portion on the Presentation of the Current Status of the City Boards Program and History of Consolidation

MEETING DATE: October 2, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Citizen Advisory Board/Commission

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss the presentation provided by Mike Maas on the Current Status of the City Boards Program and History of Consolidation

STRATEGIC PLAN: 1.1 Outreach: Continue to strengthen and innovate in how we deliver information to the community and our partners.

BACKGROUND: The City of Bozeman previously had over 40 boards, when including the partner boards to which we hold membership.
The current list of City Boards is available on the [City Boards Webpage](#).

City Board models vary widely by community and can be an incredible asset; they can also provide significant challenges to a municipality.

The presentation covered the history of how we arrived at the current system, ongoing efforts with the system, identifying both strengths and weaknesses while highlighting opportunities and challenges of the previous structure, alternative structures, and the current structure.

For the individual consolidated boards, below are the individual Resolutions that created each board.

Community Development Board – [Res 5330](#)

Economic Vitality Board – [Res 5329](#)

Sustainability Board – [Res 5327](#)

Transportation Board – [Res 5326](#)

Urban Parks and Forestry Board – [Res 5328](#)

High Performing Boards - [Res 5323](#)

The Study Commission requested the slide deck from the presentation on consolidation of City Boards (see attached)
Additional [training materials](#) provided by the Clerks' Office for onboarding of new Board Members is available:

- [Advisory Board Manual and HPB Training](#)
- [Advisory Board Manual](#)
- [Advisory Board Member Norms Training](#)
- [Res 5323 High Performing Boards \(HPB\)](#)
- [Res 5421 Remote Participation](#)

Additionally, each new member receives subject matter specific trainings from their Board's Staff Liaison

The Study Commission requested the [demographic survey results](#) from pre- and post- consolidation

At the time of publication, Ex Officio Maas is still preparing the full bibliography of sources for the High Performing Boards Resolution and will provide that as supplemental materials.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None identified

ALTERNATIVES: None identified

FISCAL EFFECTS: none

Attachments:

[Timeline of Consolidation.docx](#)

[8-10-21 Board Consolidation Ordinances and Resolutions Action.pdf](#)

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