

Question

Do any pools have term limits in their governance structure?

Background

A pool has an Executive Committee composed of five members elected by the Board of Trustees, which consists of representatives from each participating municipality. Other Trustees are often loathe to run against Executive Committee members and as a result the Committee has many long-term incumbents. Rather than holding regular Executive Committee elections the pool ends up filling vacancies for those Committee members who voluntarily leave. There is growing support at the pool for term limits for Executive Committee members, which do not currently exist.

Answers

No term limits

- [Suzie Paulson](#), Association General Counsel and Human Resources Director at Oklahoma Municipal Insurance Group reported the pool does not have term limits and did not provide further background.
- [Ed Dutton](#), Director of Claims and Legal Services at Park District Risk Management Association, shared that their pool does not have term limits and that the pool has had incumbents lose bids for re-election.
- [Sonya Guggemos](#), Senior Staff Counsel at Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust stated MCIT has no term limits for board service, officer positions, or committee assignments, and that it's rare for a sitting board member to be challenged if he or she chooses to run for another term.
- [Lisa Freiley](#), General Counsel/Director for Property and Casualty for Education, said the pool does not have term limits for the Chair and Vice-Chair position on their board of trustees, but by practice officers usually rotate after serving a two year term in either position.

Term limits

- [Marcos Mendoza](#), Assistant Director for Legal & Regulatory Affairs at the Texas Association of School Boards Risk Management Fund, reported the pool board has term limits and shared that pool executive committee members have the same term limits that all board members have. The limit is five three year terms.