

§ 2.3**§ 2.3 Offices.**

The principal office of the Postal Service is located in Washington, DC, with such regional and other offices and places of business as the Postmaster General establishes from time to time, or the business of the Postal Service requires.

§ 2.4 Seal.

(a) The Seal of the Postal Service is filed by the Board in the Office of the Secretary of State, and is required by 39 U.S.C. 207 to be judicially noticed. The Seal shall be in the custody of the General Counsel, who shall affix it to all commissions of officers of the Postal Service, and use it to authenticate records of the Postal Service and for other official purposes. The following describes the Seal adopted for the Postal Service:

(1) A stylized bald eagle is poised for flight, facing to the viewer's right, above two horizontal bars between which are the words "U.S. MAIL", surrounded by a square border with rounded corners consisting of the words "UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE" on the left, top, and right, and consisting of nine five-pointed stars on the base.

(2) The color representation of the Seal shows, a white field on which the bald eagle appears in dark blue, the words "U.S. MAIL" in black, the bar above the words in red, the bar below in blue, and the entire border consisting of the words "UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE" and stars in ochre.



(b) The location and description of the Postal Service emblem is described at 39 CFR 221.9.

§ 2.5 Authority.

These bylaws are adopted by the Board under the authority conferred upon the Postal Service by 39 U.S.C. 401(2) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(g).

§ 2.6 Severability, amendment, repeal, and waiver of bylaws.

The invalidity of any provision of these bylaws does not affect the validity of the remaining provisions, and for this purpose these bylaws are severable. The Board may amend or repeal these bylaws at any special or regular meeting, provided that each member of the Board has received a written notice containing a statement of the proposed amendment or repeal at least 5 days before the meeting. The members of the Board may waive the 5 days' notice or the operation of any other provision of these bylaws by unanimous consent, if that action is not prohibited by law. The Secretary shall submit the text of any amendment to these bylaws for publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER as soon as practicable after the amendment is adopted by the Board.

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AUTHORITY: 39 U.S.C. 202, 203, 205, 401 (2), (10), 402, 414, 416, 1003, 2802–2804, 3013; 5 U.S.C. 552b (g), (j); Inspector General Act, 5 U.S.C. app.; Pub. L. 107–67, 115 Stat. 514 (2001).

SOURCE: 59 FR 18448, Apr. 18, 1994, unless otherwise noted.

§ 3.1 Responsibilities of Board.

The composition of the Board is described in 39 U.S.C. 202. The Board directs the exercise of the powers of the Postal Service, reviews the practices and policies of the Postal Service, and directs and controls the expenditures of the Postal Service. Consistent with the broad delegation of authority to the Postmaster General in § 3.5 of these bylaws, and except for those powers, duties, or obligations which the Reorganization Act specifically vests in the Governors, as distinguished from the Board of Governors, the Board accomplishes its purposes by monitoring the operations and performance of the Postal Service, and by establishing basic objectives, broad policies, and long-range goals for the Postal Service.

§ 3.2 Compensation of Board.

Section 202(a) of title 39 provides for the compensation of the Governors and for reimbursement for travel and reasonable expenses incurred in attending Board meetings. Compensation is provided for not more than 42 days of meetings per year.

§ 3.3 Matters reserved for decision by the Board.

The following matters are reserved for decision by the Board of Governors:

- (a) [Reserved]
- (b) Adoption of, and amendments to, the bylaws of the Board.
- (c) (1) Approval of the annual Postal Service budget program in both tentative and final form, including requests for appropriations;

(2) Approval of the annual Postal Service operating budget.

(d) Approval of the annual financial statements of the Postal Service following receipt of the annual report of the Postal Service's independent, certified public accounting firm.

(e) Approval of the Postal Service Five-Year Capital Investment Plans, including specific approval of each capital investment project, each new lease/rental agreement, and each research and development project exceeding such amount specified by resolution at the annual Board meeting in January. In the case of any project or agreement subject to the requirement of Board approval under this provision, the expenditure of any funds in excess of the amount previously authorized by the Board must be specifically approved by the Board. For the purpose of determining the cost of a capital investment project, lease/rental agreement, or research and development project,

(1) All such projects and agreements undertaken as part of a unitary plan (either for contemporaneous or sequential development in one of several locations) shall be considered one project or agreement, and

(2) The cost of a lease/rental agreement shall be the present value of all lease payments over the term of the lease, including all periods covered by renewal options or all periods for which failure to renew imposes a penalty or a hardship such that renewal appears to be reasonably assured, plus the cost of any leasehold improvements planned in connection with the lease/rental agreement. The present value will be determined using the cost of capital of the Postal Service.

(3) The cost of a developmental real estate project shall be the sum of:

- (i) The as-is value of the postal assets contributed to the project;
- (ii) Cash contributed by the Postal Service; and
- (iii) Debt that impacts the Postal Service's investment.

(f) Authorization of the Postal Service to request the Postal Rate Commission to submit a recommended decision on changes in postal rates.