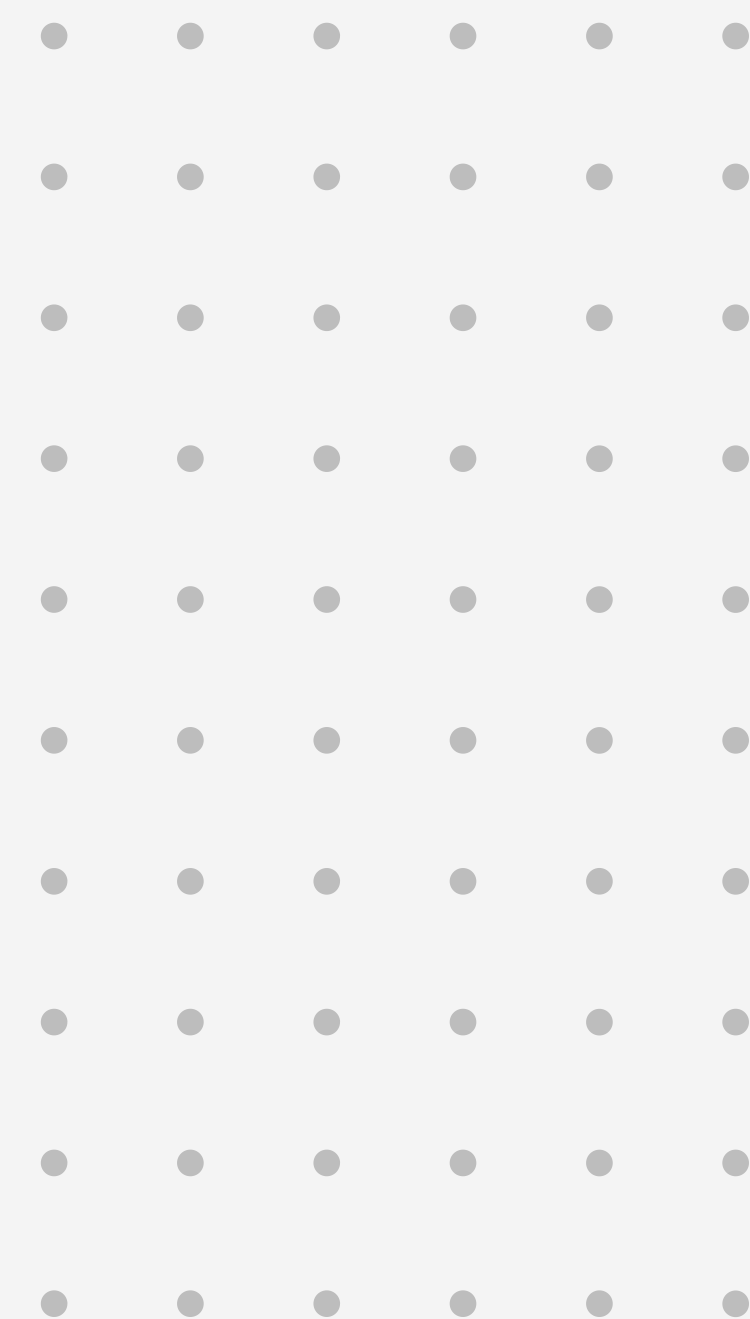


# History of Board Liaisons to Advisory Committees



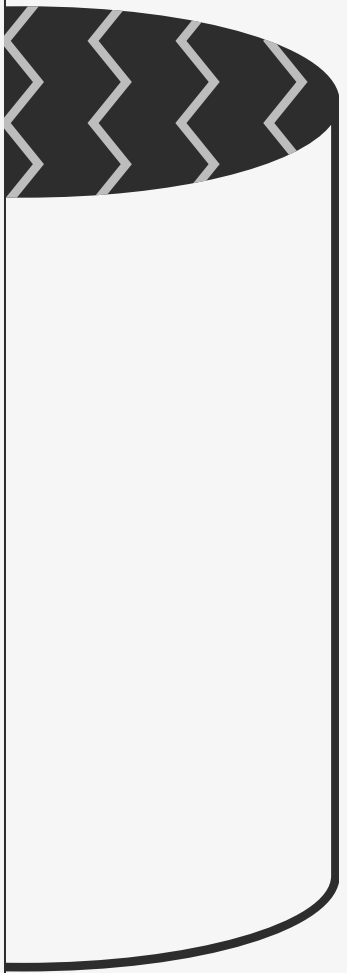
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# Introduction

## Historic Definition



Throughout the minutes and on the current Board & Committee Assignments list BOC Liaison is identified by:

*“serves as a member of or liaison to several volunteer committees or boards focused on specific county issues and the list provides guidance on the most appropriate commissioner to contact about a specific issue”.*

## Liaison Assignments

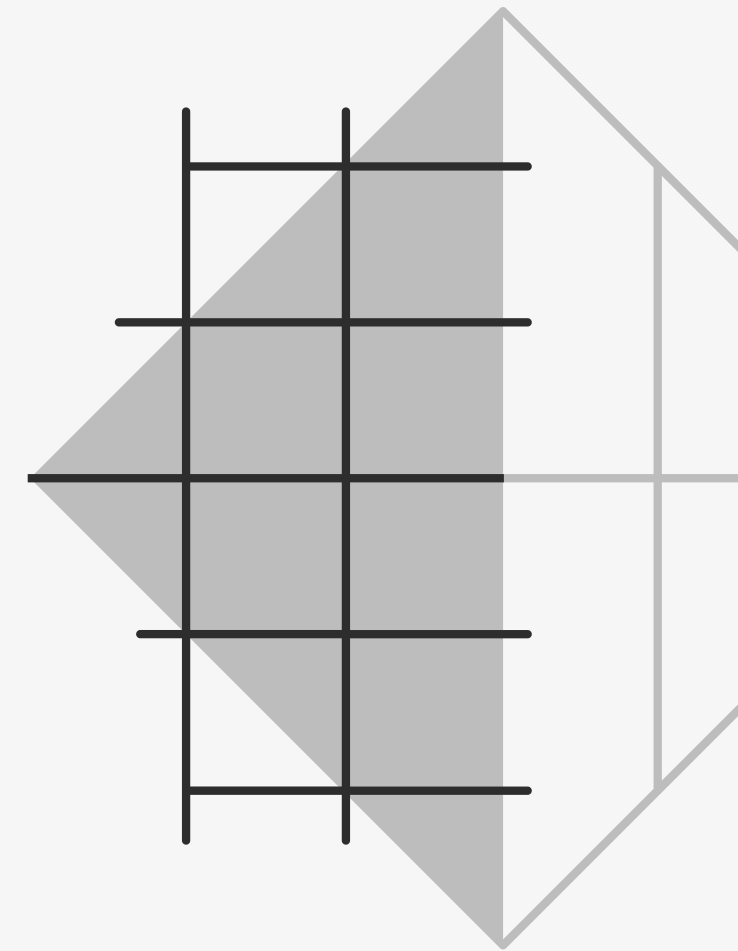
Board Liaison assignments span a wide range of organizations, encompassing diverse types such as:

- State Statutes,
- the Advisory Committee Policy,
- Ordinance,
- Resolution,
- Membership Associations,
- and Non-Profits.

# Introduction of History

## Purpose of Board Liaison Program:

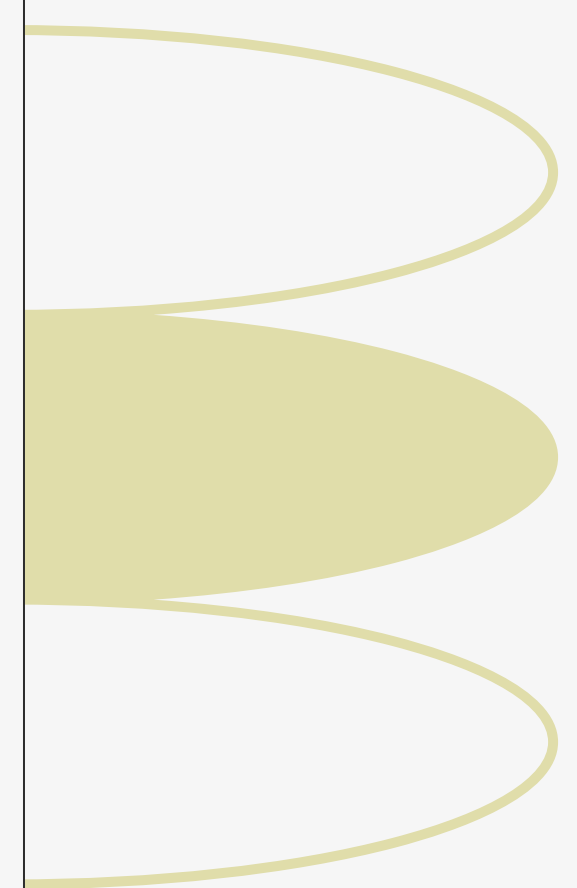
- Address need for effective oversight, communication, and coordination.
- Key objectives at development (before staff liaisons)
  - Keep the BOC informed on critical issues.
  - Provide advisory boards with a clear point of contact.
  - Maintain transparency and accessibility.
- Note: Roles are primarily non-voting, with exceptions.

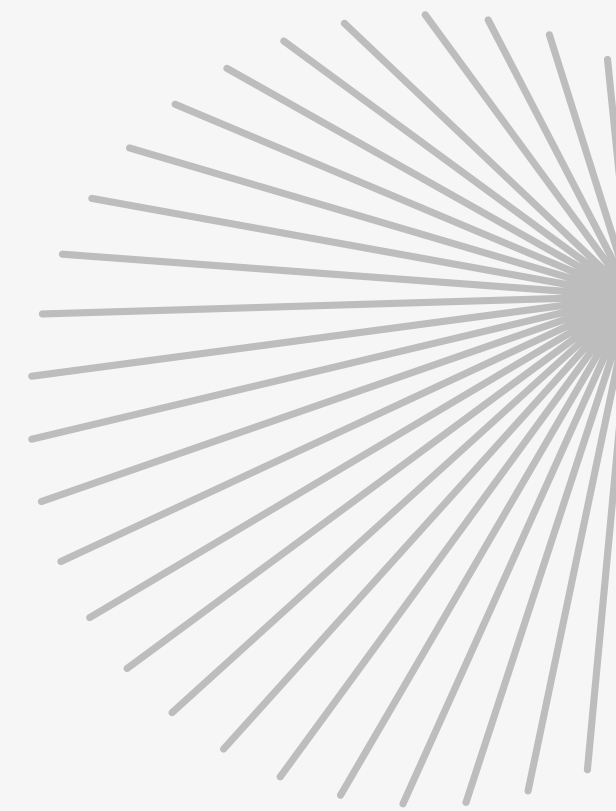




# Foundations of the Program

## Initial development:

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- Appointments began in 2000 for specific needs (e.g., Orange–Chatham Justice Partnership).
  - Formalized BOC liaison assignments started in 2006.
  - Actions reflected the growing scope of county operations at the time with no identified staff as there is now.





# Expansion and Challenges (2007-2010)



## Growth:

- Increase in assignments.
- Some commissioners assigned multiple roles.
- All committees now have dedicated staff liaisons.

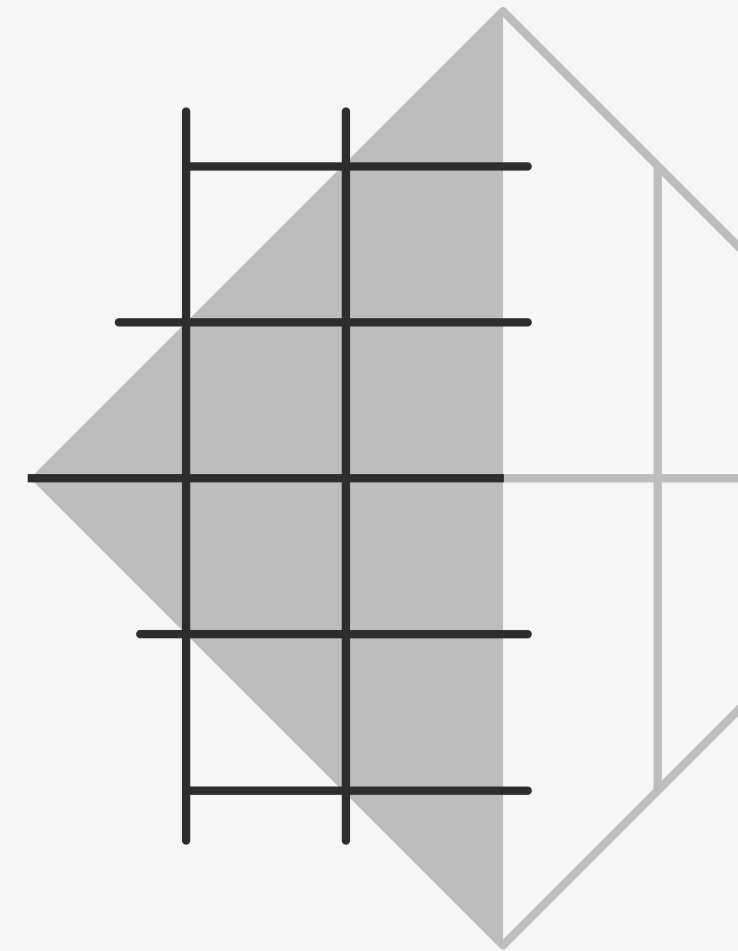
## Challenges:

- Transparency Issues (e.g. publicizing BOC liaison lists)
- Administrative conflicts (e.g., committee members bypassing staff and County Manager)
- Workload distribution

# Role Adjustments (2011-2013)

## Key Refinements:


- BOC liaisons clarified as communication conduits to the full board, not individual decision-makers.
- Policy/action requests directed through the full BOC.
- BOC at the time had discussions on extent of involvement.

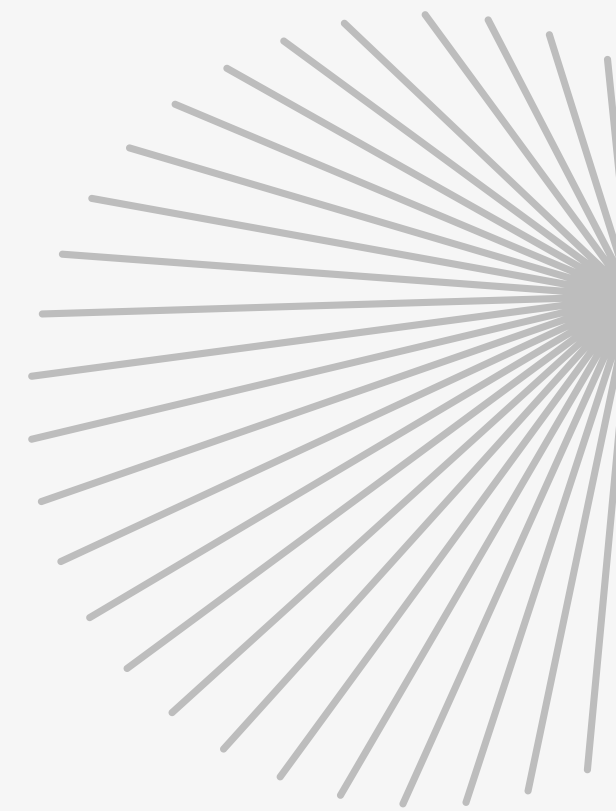




# Guideline Changes (2016)

## Additional Guidelines Introduced:

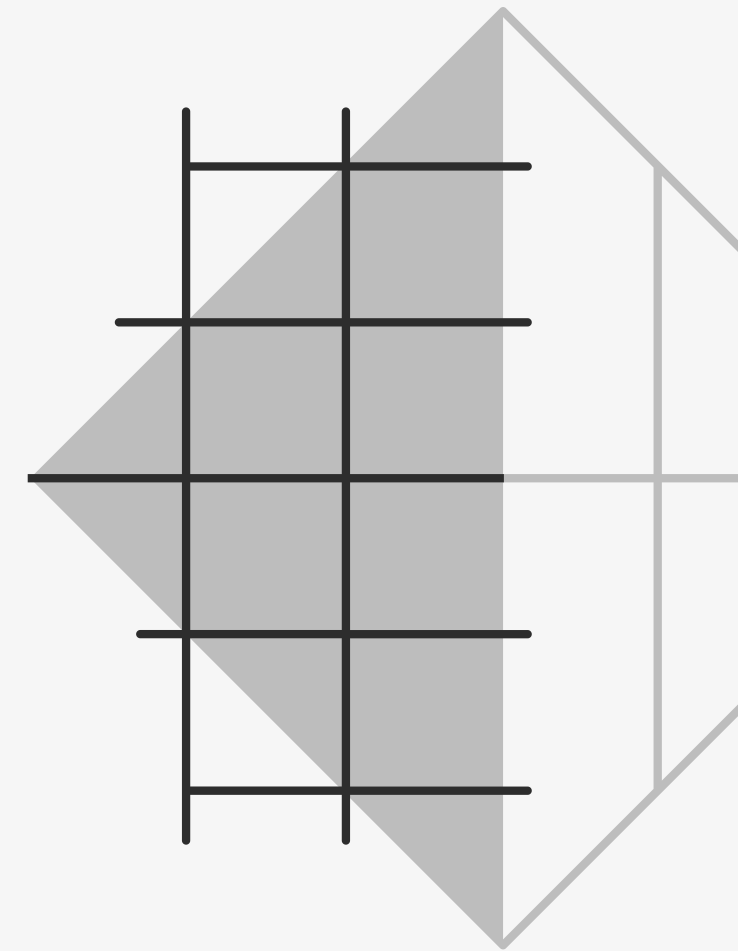
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- Development in clear reporting duties for BOC liaisons.
  - Established non-involvement in advisory board operations.
  - Reflecting the BOC's majority position for voting assignments.



# Modernization (2019-Present)

## Program Evolution:

- Streamlined assignments (e.g., removing and adjusting boards).
- Focus on strategic engagement aligned with BOC goals.
- Updates in 2023 and indicate evolving needs.

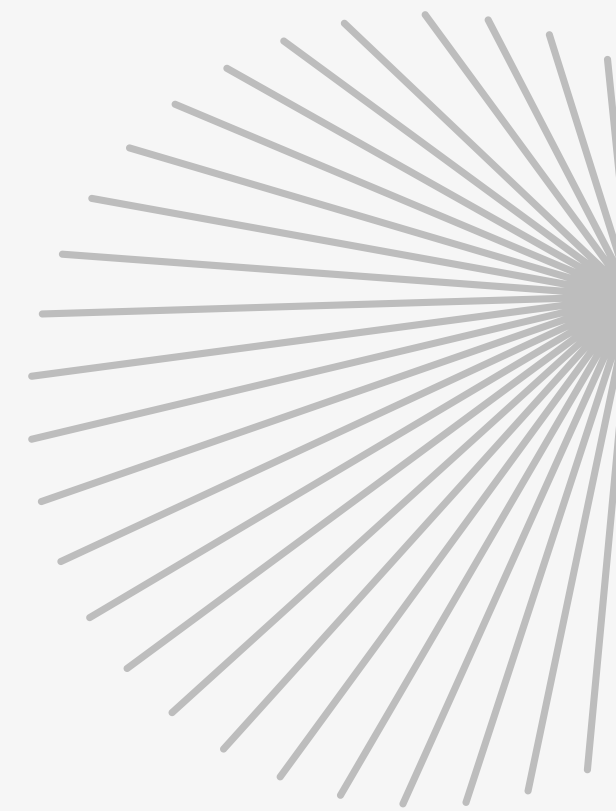


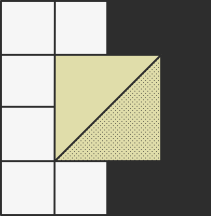




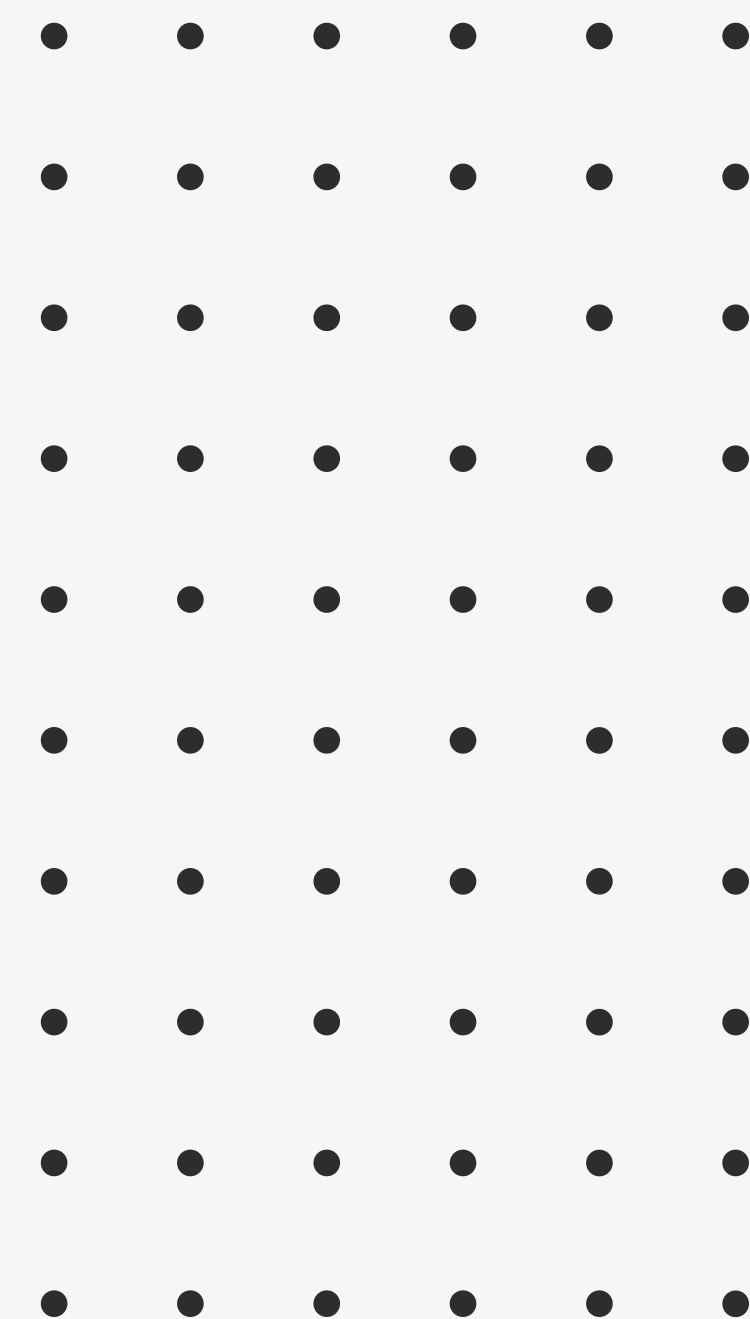
# Observations

- **Evaluation of Roles**
  - Over-time as staff liaisons were added, there has been a shift from decision-making to communication and representation for the BOC liaison roles.
- **Workload Efficiency**
  - Uneven assignment distribution.
  - Assignments have increased drastically over time.
- **Strategic Representation**
  - Role requirements vary broadly based on organization/board being liaised.





# Questions or Discussion?



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