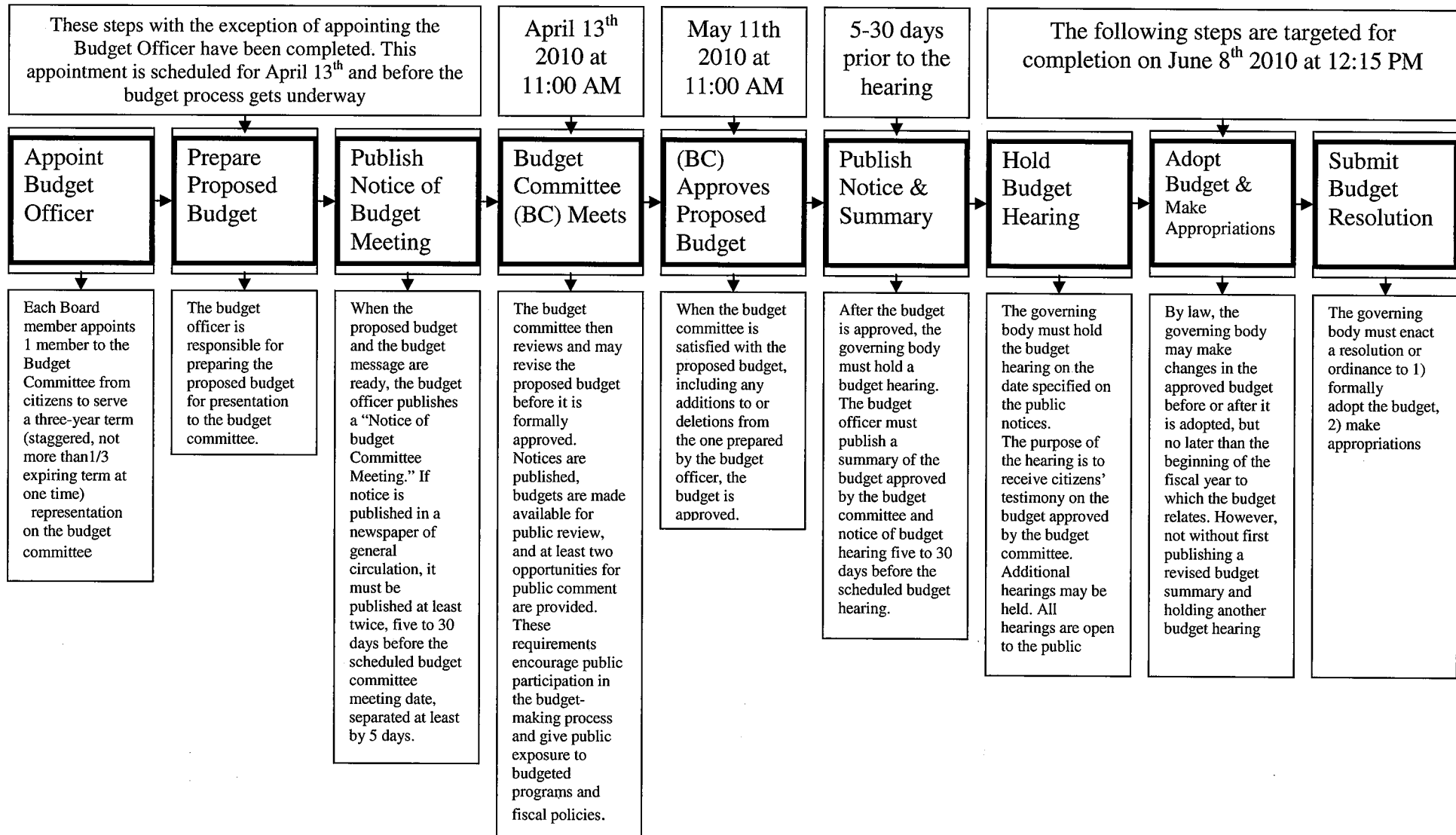


The 9 Steps of Budget Process



The following are the primary steps each local government must consider:

- The budget officer prepares a proposed budget.
- Notice of the budget committee meeting is published.
- The budget document is made available at or before the budget committee meeting at which the budget is presented.
- The budget committee conducts at least one public meeting for receiving the budget message and the budget document as well as providing opportunity for public questions or comments.
- The budget committee approves the budget.
- Notice of the public hearing and a summary of the approved budget are published.
- The governing body conducts a public hearing on the approved budget.
- The governing body, after public comment and deliberations, adopts the budget and enacts resolutions or ordinances accordingly by June 30.