

Policy Title: **BOARD RESPONSIBILITY**

The Board of Trustees functions as a collective body to provide leadership, guidance, and direction to govern the current and future affairs of the College while representing the community in determining and assuring appropriate organizational performance. Board responsibilities are distinguished from staff responsibilities by the following:

- Serving as the official governance link between the College and the community.
- Employing and supervising the College President.
- Selecting and retaining the services of District legal counsel and financial auditor.
- Enacting written governing policies which address:
  - ENDS: College services, impacts, benefits, outcomes, recipients, and their relative worth (what good for which needs at what cost). Ends include College vision, mission, purposes, and strategic directions.
  - EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS: Constraints on executive authority which establish the prudence and ethics boundaries within which all executive activity and decisions must take place.
  - GOVERNANCE PROCESS: Specification of how the Board conceives, carries out, and monitors its own tasks.
  - BOARD-STAFF RELATIONSHIP: How authority and accountability is delegated to the President and its proper use monitored.
- Monitoring College effectiveness in meeting Board policies on Ends.
- Assessing President's performance through a formal review prior to July 1 each year with respect to achievement of Board policies on Ends and Executive Limitations, responsibilities in the President's position description, and President's annual goals and objectives as established by the Board in consultation with the President.

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