



Northeast Community College Board Policy Manual

Governance Process Policy Policy Number: GP - 04

Role of the Board Chair

The Board Chair, a specially empowered member of the Board, assures the integrity of the Board's process.

1. The assigned result of the Board Chair's job is that the Board behaves consistently with its own rules and those legitimately imposed upon it from outside the organization.
 - 1.1. Meeting discussion content will include only those issues that, according to Board policy, clearly belong to the Board to decide or monitor.
 - 1.2. Information that is neither for monitoring performance nor for Board decisions will be avoided or minimized and always noted as such.
 - 1.3. Deliberation will be timely, fair, orderly, and thorough, but also efficient and kept to the point.
 - 1.4. The Board Vice-Chair will be sufficiently informed of Board issues and processes to provide continuity in the event of planned or unexpected Board Chair absences.
2. The authority of the Board Chair consists in making decisions that fall within topics covered by Board policies on Governance Process and Board-Management Delegation, with the exception of (a) employment or termination of a President and (b) instances where the Board specifically delegates portions of this authority to others. The Board Chair is authorized to use any reasonable interpretation of the provisions in these policies.
 - 2.1. The Board Chair is empowered to chair Board meetings with all the commonly accepted power of that position, such as ruling and recognizing.
 - 2.2. The Board Chair has no authority to make decisions about policies created by the Board within Ends and Executive Limitations policy areas. Therefore, the Board Chair has no authority to supervise or direct the President.
 - 2.3. The Board Chair may represent the Board to outside parties in announcing Board-stated positions and in stating the Board Chair's decisions and interpretations within the area delegated to the Chair.
 - 2.4. The Board Chair may delegate this authority, but remains accountable for its use.

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