



COLLEGE POLICY

Policy Title	Board Chairperson's Role
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Responsible office(s)	District Board <i>Office that owns & administers the policy</i>
Keywords	Board Chair

Policy purpose

Describes the role of Madison College District Board Chair

Policy

The Board Chair assures the integrity of the Board's process.

Accordingly:

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.
 - a. Meeting discussion content will be on those issues which, according to Board policy, clearly belong to the Board to decide or to monitor.
 - b. Information that is for neither monitoring performance nor Board decisions will be avoided or minimized and always noted as such.
 - c. Deliberation will be fair, open, and thorough, but also timely, orderly, and kept to the point.
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 CEO and (b) 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.
 - a. The Board Chair is empowered to chair Board meetings with all the commonly accepted power of that position, such as ruling and recognizing.
 - b. 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 CEO.

- c. The Board Chair may represent the Board to outside parties in announcing Board-stated positions and in stating chair decisions and interpretations within the area delegated to her or him. The Board Chair shall notify the full Board immediately following any comments made to broadcast, print or social media. *Statement 2.c. revised 10-7-15*
- d. The Board Chair may delegate this authority, but remains accountable for its use.
- e. The Board Chair shall monitor Board member accountability to the Board's performance criteria as outlined in the "Governing Style" policy.
- f. The Board Chair shall monitor the Board budget.