

Policy Type: Governance Process

President's Role

The President of the Board ensures the integrity of the Board's processes and normally serves as the Board's official spokesperson. Accordingly, the President has the following authority and duties:

1. Monitor Board behavior to ensure that it is consistent with its own rules and policies and those legitimately imposed on it from outside the organization.
 - a. Conduct and monitor Board meeting deliberations to ensure that only Board issues, as defined in Board policy, are discussed.
 - b. Ensure that Board meeting deliberations are fair, open and thorough, but also efficient, timely, orderly and to the point.
 - c. Chair Board meetings with all the commonly-accepted power of that position as described in *Robert's Rules of Order* and in accordance with law.
2. Make all interpretive decisions that fall within the topics covered by Board policies on *Governance Process* and *Board/Superintendent Relationship*, except where the Board specifically delegates portions of this authority to others, using any reasonable interpretation of the provisions in those policies:
 - a. Refrain from making any interpretive decisions about policies created by the Board in the *Governance Process* and *Board/Superintendent Relationship* policy areas.
 - b. Refrain from exercising any authority as an individual to supervise or direct the Superintendent.
3. Represent the Board to outside parties in announcing Board-stated positions and in stating decisions and interpretations within the areas delegated to the President, delegating this authority to other Board members when appropriate, but remaining accountable for its use.
4. Sign all contracts authorized by the Board.
5. Sign all official Board reports.

In the absence or inability of the President, the Vice President has all of the powers and duties of the President.