



## Board Policy

Policy Type: Governance  
Policy Title: Board Responsibility  
Policy Number: 1.3  
Office Responsible: Board  
Related Policies: 1.1; 1.2; and 2.4  
Related Procedures:  
Related Laws: Michigan Community College Act  
HLC Criterion: 2A, 2B, 2C

### **Policy Statement**

As a collective body, the Board fulfills its governance commitment by **overseeing** the operations of the College and assuring its conformance with applicable laws by using established governing principles. The Board represents the voice of the community owners (i.e. the citizens and business interests located in the Oakland Community College service area) and acts in the public's best interest. The Board recognizes that its role is uniquely distinguishable from the responsibilities of the CEO, which is to **administer** college operations. To achieve their oversight role, the Board's primary responsibilities are to:

- Serve as the official governance link between the College and the community at large.
- Establish, clarify, and adapt the College's purpose, mission, and vision in ways that reflect the needs of the community.
- Provide strategic leadership by enacting written governing policies that address these categories: ends, executive limitations, governance processes, and the Board-CEO relationship.
- Ensure the adoption of policies and statutorily-prescribed procedures as required by law.
- Conduct its business in compliance with the Michigan Community College Act, the Michigan Open Meetings Act and other applicable laws.
- Select and employ a CEO. Delegate administrative authority for the College to the CEO, support the CEO and evaluate the CEO's performance.
- Make decisions in the areas in which the Board has prohibited the CEO as defined in executive limitations.
- Ensure the College engages in effective planning.
- Monitor the performance of the College's programs and services to ensure they meet the Board's prescribed Ends.
- Ensure the College has access to adequate financial resources and provide fiduciary oversight.
- Establish tuition and fees.
- Levy and collect taxes as authorized by law.
- Engage in professional development activities to continuously improve the Board's competency as a governing unit.
- Act with ethical integrity and within all legal requirements.
- Enhance the College's public image.
- Serve as an advocate for the College to federal, state, and local governing bodies and other public and private entities that may assist in furthering the mission of the College.
- Attend critical community and College events in accordance with a Board engagement strategy and schedule that is jointly prepared by the CEO and the Board Chair.
- Provide for orientation of new Trustees.

- Assess the Board's own processes and performance annually. Self-assessment will include comparison of Board activity and adherence to policies in the Governance Process and Board/CEO Relationship categories.

#### **Change Log**

Date of Change	Description of Change	Responsible Party
4/17/2018	Initial policy approved by Board to become effective 7/1/2018	Board of Trustees
7/1/2018	Effective date of initial policy	Board of Trustees
4/28/2020	Reviewed; no change	Board of Trustees