

Chair's Role

The Chair, a specially empowered member of the board, assures the integrity of the board's process and, secondarily, occasionally represents the board to outside parties.

Accordingly:

1. The assigned results of the 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 Chair consists in making decisions that fall within topics covered by board policies on Governance Process and Board-Management Delegation linkage, with the exception of (a) employment or termination of Superintendent and (b) where the board specifically delegates portions of this authority to others. The Chair is authorized to use any reasonable interpretation of the provisions in these policies.
 - a. The Chair is empowered to chair board meetings with all the commonly accepted power of that position, such as ruling and recognizing.
 - b. The Chair has no authority to make decisions about policies created by the board with respect to Ends and Executive Limitations policy areas. Therefore, the Chair as an individual has no authority to supervise or direct the Superintendent.
 - c. The 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.
 - d. The Chair may delegate this authority, but remains accountable for its use.
 - e. The Chair shall be responsible for the compilation and facilitation of the summative evaluation of the Superintendent.

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| Monitoring Method: | Board Self-Assessment |
| Monitoring Frequency: | Annually in January |