



**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
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Mandy Thomas, Director  
Leon Thornton, Director  
Mary Vigil, Director

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
27J SCHOOLS**

**October 25, 2022  
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting  
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room  
1850 Egbert Street  
Suite 120  
Brighton, CO 80601**

A livestream link will be available at [www.sd27j.org](http://www.sd27j.org)

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT**

The Board of Education is committed to the School District's overall success and improvement. The central focus of all meetings and discussions will be on establishing, monitoring, and supporting the District's goals. We will actively engage all segments of our community in this ongoing focus and provide an instructional program to assure that our students meet or exceed the highest and most rigorous standards.

**AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** President Piotraschke

All matters noticed on this agenda, in any category, may be considered for action as listed. Any item not so noticed may not be considered. Items listed on this agenda may be considered in any order, at the discretion of the chairperson.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** President Piotraschke

**ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE (Policy Reference: 2.C)** President Piotraschke

**3. COMMITMENT TO GOVERNING STYLE** President Piotraschke

The Board will govern lawfully, observing Policy Governance principles, with an emphasis on (a) outward vision rather than internal preoccupation, (b) encouragement of diversity in viewpoints, (c) strategic leadership more than administrative detail, (d) clear distinction of Board and chief executive roles, (e) collective rather than individual decisions, (f) future rather than past or present, and (g) governing proactively rather than reactively.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** President Piotraschke

Recommended motion: "Move to approve the agenda dated October 25, 2022 as presented."

**ROLL CALL FOR VOTE (Policy Reference: 2.C)**

President Piotraschke

**5. BOARD RECOGNITIONS**

Vice President Worth

The Board wants to congratulate Greg Piotraschke as the 2022 winner for the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) McGuffey Award. Director Piotraschke is a dedicated and hard working Board member and very deserving of this honor. The McGuffey Award is named after the McGuffey Readers which were first published in 1836. After the Civil War they were standard schoolbooks in 37 states. The McGuffey Readers were a series of seven books with stories and poems that not only taught kids reading and grammar, but also helped them to develop good qualities. It was one of the most widely used and influential textbooks of its time in transferring not only knowledge but also certain virtues required to fulfill the responsibilities of citizenship in a free society. The CASB McGuffey Award has been designed to honor that unique board member whose committed and passionate service is fueled by both the head and the heart.

**6. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MONTHLY REPORT**

Dr. Fiedler

Members of the student advisory council will present information regarding school activities.

**7. 2021 BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT**

President Piotraschke

The Board of Education will be presented with the 2021 Bond Oversight Committee report. North Planning Area Representative Blaine Nickeson will present the report.

Recommended motion: “Move to accept the report from the 2021 Bond Oversight Committee report as presented”

**ROLL CALL FOR VOTE (Policy Reference: 2.C)**

President Piotraschke

**8. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Fiedler

Dr. Fiedler will report on activities throughout the District.

**9. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Piotraschke

The Board will now hear public comment on the following topics that have been indicated on the sign-in sheet. A reminder that this Board meeting is a business meeting held in public not a public meeting. The Board hears public comment to learn about the preferences and concerns of our community. Therefore, tonight we will listen. We are prohibited by state law to take any action on the items because law requires formal public notice prior to any action on an agenda item. During our next meeting, if appropriate, we will consider your comments in our discussion, and we will ask that the Superintendent attempt to find an answer for any of your questions by that time.

The Board welcomes the comments of our community members, but to ensure that everyone will have an opportunity to participate, we have a few ground rules we ask you to follow:

- Anyone intending to address the Board should sign the speaker sign-in sheet. I will call speakers in the order in which they signed in.
- Speakers’ comments are limited to three minutes.

- If more than one person wishes to speak on the same topic, we ask that the speaker limit their comments to only new information. We ask that you do not repeat views already expressed by other speakers, although we cannot prevent you from doing so.
- We ask you to refrain from making complaints or negative comments against individual students or District employees; however, we cannot prevent you from doing so. Such complaints and comments should be addressed first at the classroom or school level, and then if still unresolved, to the Superintendent.
- Disturbing good order by inappropriate language or gestures is grounds for removal from the meeting.

We thank you in advance for your participation tonight.

**10. CONSENT AGENDA (Policy References: 2.C)**

President Piotraschke

All matters listed under Consent Agenda are operational matters about which the Board has governing policies, implementation of which is delegated to the Superintendent. They will be enacted in one motion by category in the order listed below. There will be no discussion of these items prior to the time the Board of Directors vote on the motion, unless members of the board, staff or public, request specific items to be discussed separately and/or removed from this section.

Any member of the public who wishes to discuss Consent Agenda items should notify the President of the Board at the time requested and be recognized by invitation of the President to address the Board.

- Approval of Board of Education minutes dated September 27, 2022 Study Session and Regular Meeting, and October 11, 2022 Linkage Meeting (Enclosures)
- Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated October 19, 2022 (Confidential Enclosure)

Recommended Motion: “Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.”

**ROLL CALL FOR VOTE (Policy Reference: 2.C)**

President Piotraschke

**11. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS**

President Piotraschke

- Ownership Linkage – Members: Director Thornton and Director Vigil
- Board Education – Members: Director Conn and Director Thomas
- Board Committees
  - Facility Planning Advisory Committee – Member: Director Piotraschke
  - Capital Facility Fee Foundation – Members: Director Conn, Director Vigil and Director Worth
  - Rocky Mountain Risk – Members: Director Piotraschke and Director Thornton
  - The 27J Believers – Members: Director Green and Director Thomas
  - Commerce City and School District 27J Use Tax Committee – Members: Director Green and Director Worth
  - 2021 Bond Oversight Committee – Members: Director Thomas and Director Thornton
  - Brighton Youth Commission – Member: Director Worth
- Other Matters of Information for the Board

**12. EXPECTATIONS OF THE BOARD (Policy Reference 4.E)**

Dr. Fiedler

- Board acts to accept/reject the following reports due/submitted since last meeting.  
(ADDENDUM “A”) None at this time.

- b. Chief Financial Officer Lori Schiek will present the Expectation of the Board Report through 3.D Financial Conditions & Activities. (Separate Enclosure)

Recommended motion: “Move to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.D Financial Conditions & Activities as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations.”

**ROLL CALL FOR VOTE (Policy Reference: 2.G.1)**

President Piotraschke

c. Policy Review Schedule

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|------------------------|--|
| i. October 25, 2022    | 3.D Financial Condition & Activities Internal                |
| ii. November 15, 2022  | 3.H Emergency Executive Succession                           |
| iii. December 13, 2022 | 3.D External Financial Conditions & Activities               |
|                        | 3.I Board Awareness and Support Internal & Direct Inspection |
| iv. January 24, 2023   | 3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers                    |
|                        | 3.D Internal Financial Condition and Activities              |
| v. February 21, 2023   | 1.1 Graduation Rate  |
|                        | 1.2 Post Secondary Readiness (3E’s)                          |
|                        | 3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians                           |
| vi. March 14, 2023     | 1.4 School Social Emotional Learning Dashboard (Good Humans) |
|                        | 3.G Compensation & Benefits                                  |
| vii. April 25, 2023    | 3.E Asset Protection   |
| viii. May 23, 2023     | 3.A Treatment of Students/Public                             |
| ix. June 13, 2023      | 3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting                             |
| x. August 22, 2023     | 3.0 Global Executive Constraint                              |
| xi. September 26, 2023 | 1.3 School Academic Dashboard                                |
|                        | 3.J Charter Schools  |

**13. ADAMS 14 REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

President Piotraschke

On May 24, 2022 the State Board of Education ordered the Adams 14 School District to begin the process of exploring reorganization per C.R.S. 22-30-106. In that Order, the State Board of Education designated the reorganization committee to involve Adams 14 School District, Mapleton School District, Adams 12 Five Star Schools, and Brighton School District 27J. Per CRS 22-30-106(2) each affected district must appoint a total of three committee members per the following guidelines:

Two members appointed by the local Board of Education

One member appointed by the school district accountability committee. Amanda Van Blaricom is a parent of a child attending a public school in the affected area, and she has been appointed by the school district accountability committee.

The committee must be appointed and hold its first meeting prior to November 17, 2022.

Recommended Motion: “Move to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the Adams 14 Reorganization Committee.

**ROLL CALL FOR VOTE (Policy Reference: 2.G.1)**

President Piotraschke

**14. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

- November 15, 2022 Moved from November 8, 2022 Election Day  
5:30 p.m. Study Session  
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting  
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room  
1850 Egbert Street, Suite 120  
Brighton, CO 80601  
Note: Only Regular Meeting of the Month
- November 29, 2022 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Joint Meeting with City Council Members  
Host, Time and Location are to be determined.
- December 1-3, 2022 Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Annual Conference  
The Broadmoor Hotel  
1 Lake Avenue  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
- December 13, 2022 5:30 p.m. Study Session  
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting  
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room  
1850 Egbert Street, Suite 120  
Brighton, CO 80601  
Note: Only Regular Meeting of the Month

## **15. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION**

The next quarterly meeting evaluation will be at the December 13, 2022 meeting.

## **16. CLOSING COMMENTS**

## **17. ADJOURNMENT**

Date of Notice: October 20, 2022

Date Due	Policy No.	Policy Title	Frequency	Date Submitted	Date of Board Action	Accepted	Not Accepted	Comments Conditions

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
27J SCHOOLS  
September 27, 2022  
Study Session Minutes**

Dinner was provided

1. Call to order: 6:08 p.m.

Director Conn, Director Green, Director Piotraschke, Director Thomas, Director Thornton, Director Vigil, and Director Worth were present for the entire study session.

2. Agenda Review
3. Adjourn: 6:32 p.m.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
27J SCHOOLS  
September 27, 2022  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

A livestream link was available at [www.sd27j.org](http://www.sd27j.org)

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.**

**2. NATIONAL ANTHEM PERFORMED BY THE SELECT TREBLE CHOIR FROM RIVERDALE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL**

The National Anthem was performed by the choir. No additional musical performances occurred, therefore Item Number 4 Additional Performances by the Select Treble Choir was deleted and all other items were renumbered accordingly.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Conn, Director Green, Director Piotraschke, Director Thomas, Director Thornton, Director Vigil, and Director Worth were present for the entire meeting.

**4. COMMITMENT TO GOVERNING STYLE**

Director Piotraschke read the following statement: The Board will govern lawfully, observing Policy Governance principles, with an emphasis on (a) outward vision rather than internal preoccupation, (b) encouragement of diversity in viewpoints, (c) strategic leadership more than administrative detail, (d) clear distinction of Board and chief executive roles, (e) collective rather than individual decisions, (f) future rather than past or present, and (g) governing proactively rather than reactively.

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Thornton to approve the agenda dated September 27, 2022 moving Item Number 14 Ascent Classical Academies Charter School Application Approval to Item Number 10, and moving Item Number 15 Capstone Academy Charter School Application Approval to Item Number 11 (after the consent agenda) with all other items renumbered accordingly. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

**6. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MONTHLY REPORT**

Members of the student advisory council presented information regarding school activities.

**7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Fiedler reported on activities throughout the District.

**8. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT**



Name	In/Out of District	Topic
Annie Jensen	In District	Support of Ascent Classical Academies
Keri Streno	In District	Support of Ascent Classical Academies
Rachel Fletcher	In District	Support of Ascent Classical Academies
Alicia Pfeiffer	Out of District	Support of Ascent Classical Academies
Becky Schank	Out of District	Support of Ascent Classical Academies
Jon Hirschy	In District	Freedom of Speech Concerns with Prairie View High School staff and Board of Education members
Katy Mohr	In District	Questioning Support of 5B Transparency Clause/Controversial Issues Policy Parent Bill of Rights Permissions Slips vs. Opt Out Slips
Shawna Hirter	In District	Support of Ascent Classical Academies
Jen Warhurst	Out of District	Support of Ascent Classical Academies

A complete recording of the public comments is available at [www.sd27j.org](http://www.sd27j.org).

## 9. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Director Worth, seconded by Director Thornton to approve the consent agenda as presented.  
Roll Call Vote: all ayes

- a. Approval of Board of Education minutes dated August 23, 2022 Study Session and Regular Meeting, September 6, 2022 Special Meeting, and September 13, 2022 Planning Session
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated September 20, 2022
- c. Authorize the Superintendent or his designees to negotiate the final terms of the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement concerning a Joint School Resource Officer Program with the City of Commerce City and to execute all necessary documents.

## 10. ASCENT CLASSICAL ACADEMIES CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION APPROVAL

The Board of Education considered approving Resolution Number Two 2022-2023 regarding the Ascent Classical Academies charter application.

Motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Vigil to approve Resolution Number Two 2022-2023 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

## 11. CAPSTONE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION APPROVAL

The Board of Education considered approving Resolution Number Three 2022-2023 regarding Capstone Academy charter application.

Motion by Director Vigil, seconded by Director Conn to approve Resolution Number Three 2022-2023 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

## 12. NAMING OF THE WILLOW BEND SUBDIVISION K-8 SCHOOL

The Board of Education discussed the naming of the new K-8 School located in the Willow Bend Subdivision located in Thornton, Colorado.

Motion by Director Conn, seconded by Director Vigil that the new K-8 School located in the Willow Bend Subdivision be officially named the Frank Acosta Magnet School. Director Vigil rescinded her second to the motion. The motion failed to receive a second, therefore the motion was not considered and no vote was taken.

Motion by Director Vigil, seconded by Director Thornton that the new K-8 School located in the Willow Bend Subdivision be officially named Willow Bend Magnet School. Director Conn, no, Director Green, no, Director Piotraschke, no, Director Thomas, yes, Director Thornton, yes, Director Vigil, yes, Director Worth, no. Motion failed.

Motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Conn that the new K-8 School located at 4949 E, 147th Avenue, Thornton, Colorado be officially named Discover Magnet School, Roll Call Vote: all ayes

### **13. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS**

- a. Ownership Linkage – Members: Director Thornton and Director Vigil: The October 11, 2022 linkage meeting will be with the district’s charter school partners.
- b. Board Education – Members: Director Conn and Director Thomas: The next study session topic will be about the Capital Facility Fee Foundation.
- c. Board Committees
  - i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee – Member: Director Piotraschke: Director Piotraschke attend the recent meeting and provided a report.
  - ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation – Members: Director Conn, Director Vigil and Director Worth: Director Conn attended recent meeting and provided a report.
  - iii. Rocky Mountain Risk – Members: Director Piotraschke and Director Thornton: Director Piotraschke and Director Thornton attended the recent meeting and they provided their reports.
  - iv. The 27J Believers – Members: Director Green and Director Thomas: Director Thomas reported that the next awards will be distributed at the December 13, 2022 Board meeting. The theme is Winter Wonders.
  - v. Commerce City and School District 27J Use Tax Committee – Members: Director Green and Director Worth: No meeting has occurred since the last Board of Education meeting.
  - vi. 2021 Bond Oversight Committee – Members: Director Thomas and Director Thornton: Director Thomas and Director Thornton attended the recent meeting and they provided their reports.
  - vii. Brighton Youth Commission – Member: Director Worth: Director Worth attended the recent meeting and provided a report. He made a special note of the Image Summit is occurring at the Adams County Fairgrounds on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.
- d. Other Matters of Information for the Board:

Director Thornton reported that Kids First Healthcare recently opened a facility in Commerce City.

A complete recording of the Board reports is available at [www.sd27j.org](http://www.sd27j.org).

Direct Conn left the meeting at 8:30 p.m. and did not return to the meeting.

### **14. EXPECTATIONS OF THE BOARD**

- a. Board acts to accept/reject the following reports due/submitted since last meeting.  
(ADDENDUM “A”) None at this time.

- b. Chief Academic Officer Will Pierce presented the Expectation of the Board Report through 1.3 School Academic Dashboard.

Motion by Director Vigil, seconded by Director Thornton to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through 1.3 School Academic Dashboard as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

Director Green left the meeting at 8:57 p.m.  
Director Green returned to the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

- c. Charter Liaison Kenlyn Newman presented the Expectation of the Board Report through 3.J Charter Schools.

Motion by Director Thornton, seconded by Director Worth to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.J Charter Schools as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

d. Policy Review Schedule

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|-------|--------------------|--|
| i.    | September 27, 2022 | 1.3 School Academic Dashboard<br>3.J Charter Schools   |
| ii.   | October 25, 2022   | 3.D Financial Condition & Activities Internal  |
| iii.  | November 15, 2022  | 3.H Emergency Executive Succession   |
| iv.   | December 13, 2022  | 3.D External Financial Conditions & Activities<br>3.I Board Awareness and Support Internal & Direct Inspection |
| v.    | January 24, 2023   | 3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers<br>3.D Internal Financial Condition and Activities                   |
| vi.   | February 21, 2023  | 1.1 Graduation Rate<br>1.2 Post Secondary Readiness (3E's)<br>3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians               |
| vii.  | March 14, 2023     | 1.4 School Social Emotional Learning Dashboard (Good Humans)<br>3.G Compensation & Benefits                    |
| viii. | April 25, 2023     | 3.E Asset Protection   |
| ix.   | May 23, 2023       | 3.A Treatment of Students/Public   |
| x.    | June 13, 2023      | 3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting   |
| xi.   | August 22, 2023    | 3.0 Global Executive Constraint  |

**15. RESOLUTION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

The Board of Education considered approving Resolution Number Four 2022-2023 approving the voter registration of 27J Schools High School Students.

The resolution was read by Director Thomas.

Motion by Director Vigil, seconded by Director Thomas to approve Resolution Number Four 2022-2023 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

**16. RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR PROPOSITION FF: HEALTHY SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL**

The Board of Education considered approving Resolution Number Five 2022-2023 supporting Proposition FF – Healthy School Meals for All.

The resolution was read by Director Piotraschke.

Motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Thomas to approve Resolution Number Five 2022-2023 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

### **17. RESOLUTION OF ADVOCACY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J MILL LEVY OVERRIDE BALLOT ISSUE**

The Board of Education considered approving Resolution Number Six 2022-2023 supporting the advocacy for a mill levy override ballot issue 5B.

The resolution was read by Director Thornton.

Motion by Director Piotraschke, seconded by Director Thomas to approve Resolution Number Six 2022-2023 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

### **18. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

October 11, 2022      6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting with Charter School Board Members and Administrators/Executives  
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room  
1850 Egbert Street, Suite 120  
Brighton, CO 80601

October 25, 2022      5:30 p.m. Study Session  
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting  
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room  
1850 Egbert Street, Suite 120  
Brighton, CO 80601

November 15, 2022    5:30 p.m. Study Session (Moved from November 8, 2022 Election Day)  
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting  
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room  
1850 Egbert Street, Suite 120  
Brighton, CO 80601  
Note: Only Regular Meeting of the Month and changed from November 8, 2022

### **19. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION**

Director Worth provided the quarterly meeting evaluation.

**20. CLOSING COMMENTS:** Director Piotraschke thanked the Board for working through the ever-changing agenda.

**21. ADJOURNMENT:** 9:29 p.m.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
27J SCHOOLS  
October 11, 2022  
Linkage Meeting with 27J Schools  
Charter School Partners  
Minutes**

Dinner was served.

Director Worth, Director Conn, Director Green, Director Thornton, Director Vigil were present at the start of the linkage meeting. Director Piotraschke arrived at approximately 6:20 p.m. when the individual-table discussions started. Director Thomas arrived at approximately 7:15 p.m. and joined the table discussions at that time.

1. The Board of Education members conducted a linkage meeting with the 27J Schools Charter School Partners.

The meeting concluded at 8:23 p.m.

No official Board of Education business was conducted.



**GOVERNING POLICY OF  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Policy 4.E – MONITORING SUPERINTENDENT PERFORMANCE**

*(Accepted 8-24-10)*

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*Management Limitations*  
3.D Financial Condition & Activities

To: Board of Education

From: Dr. Chris Fiedler, Superintendent of Schools

Re: Expectations of the Board Report – 3.D Financial Condition & Activities

I hereby present my Expectations of the Board Report on our Financial Condition & Activities, in accordance with the monitoring schedule as set forth in Board policy. I certify the information in this report is true. (Separate Enclosure)

Signed: 

Date: October 25, 2022

Dr. Chris Fiedler  
Superintendent, 27J Schools

	<b>METHOD</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>SCHEDULE</b>
3.D - Financial Condition & Activities	Internal	Semi - Annually	January & October
	External	Annually	December
3.C - Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers	Internal	Annually	January
1.1 - Graduation Rate	Internal	Annually	February
1.2 - Post Secondary Readiness (3E's)	Internal	Annually	February
3.B - Treatment of Parents/Guardians	Internal	Annually	February
3.G - Compensation & Benefits	Internal	Annually	March
1.4 – School SEL Dashboard (Good Humans)	Internal	Annually	March
3.E - Asset Protection	Internal	Annually	April
3.A - Treatment of Students/Public	Internal	Annually	May
3.F - Financial Planning/Budgeting	Internal	Annually	May (Remained in June due to State Budgeting Timeline 2021)
3.0 - Global Executive Constraint	Internal	Annually	August
1.3 –School Academic Dashboard	Internal	Annually	September
3.J - Charter Schools	Internal	Annually	September
3.H - Emergency Executive Succession	Internal	Annually	November
3.I - Board Awareness & Support	Internal	Annually	December
	Direct Inspection	Annually	December