



## OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

ISD 197 School Board

Board Governance

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### 200 BOARD GOVERNANCE

#### I. PURPOSE

Governance is framed by the purpose for which an organization was created and is therefore concerned with activities of the highest level, including goal setting, policy development, and monitoring progress toward governance objectives. The Board will assure that all its members have the knowledge, skills and support necessary to carry out excellence in governance, which will be achieved by 1) training new members and candidates, as well as maintaining and increasing current member skills and knowledge, 2) engaging in external monitoring that helps the Board to exercise confident control over organizational performance, and 3) implementing community input strategies to ensure the Board's ability to listen effectively to stakeholder viewpoints and values.

#### II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The ISD 197 School Board shall provide governance for the public education system to successfully achieve the ideals and goals set out in the Strategic Framework.

#### III. BOARD BUDGET FRAMEWORK

The Board will invest in its governing capacity as necessary and prudent to assure that the governance function is effective, efficient, and accountable. Each year, the board shall include in the annual budget a specified amount to successfully carry out the following:

1. Board member training, including consultation and attendance at conferences and workshops;
2. Board member annual stipends and approved expenses;

3. Financial audit and other third-party monitoring of organizational performance;
4. Gather input from public using surveys, focus groups, task forces and opinion analyses;
5. Legal fees and indemnity insurance.

<b>POLICY ADOPTED:</b>	September 9, 2009
<b>POLICY REVIEWED/REVISED:</b>	March 17, 2014; January 22, 2019; May 15, 2023; May 4, 2026
<b>Monitoring Method:</b>	Administrative Review
<b>Monitoring Frequency:</b>	Every three years