

**SECTION 1 - GOVERNANCE PROCESS**  
**POLICY 1.3**

**BOARD RESPONSIBILITY**

The Board functions as a collective body to fulfill its governance commitment. The major outcomes of the Board's governance are:

1. Serving as the official governance link between the College and the community at large.
2. Enacting written governing policies which address:
  - a. Ends: College services, impacts, benefits, outcomes, recipients, and their relative worth (what good for which needs at what cost).
  - b. Executive Limitations: Constraints on executive authority which establish the prudence and ethics boundaries within which all executive activity and decisions must take place.
  - c. Governance Process: Specification of how the Board conceives, carries out, and monitors its own tasks.
  - d. Board/Staff Relationship: How authority and accountability are delegated to the President and their proper use monitored.
3. Assuring successful organizational performance.

Included in its responsibilities, the Board as a whole:

1. Employs and evaluates the College President.
2. Annually approves and retains the services of external legal counsel.
3. Annually approves and retains the services of the financial auditor as required by statute
4. Monitors and discusses the Board's process and performance annually. Self-monitoring will include comparison of Board activity and adherence to policies in the Governance Process and Board/Staff Relationship categories.

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