

Policy Type: Governance Process

Policy Title: Board President's Role

*The board president assures the integrity and fulfillment of the board's process and, secondarily, occasionally represents the board to outside parties.*

Accordingly,

1. The job of the Board President is to ensure that the board behaves consistently with its own rules and those legitimately imposed upon it from outside the organization.

- Meeting discussion content will be only issues that, according to board policy, clearly belong to the board to decide, not the Director.
- Deliberation will be fair, open, and thorough but also timely, orderly, and to the point.

2. The authority of the board president consists in making decisions that fall within topics covered by the charter, board policy on Governance Process and Governance-Management Relationship, except where the board specifically delegates portions of this authority to others. The board president is authorized to use any reasonable interpretation of the provisions in these policies.

- The board president is empowered to chair board meetings with all the commonly accepted power of that position (for example, ruling, recognizing)
- The board president had no authority to make decisions about policies created by the Board within Ends and Executive Limitations policy areas. Therefore, the board president has no authority to supervise or direct the Director.
- The board president 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.
- The board president may delegate this authority but remains accountable for its use.

Certification

