

The Board of Trustees is authorized by statutes of the state of California to establish, maintain, operate, and govern one or more community colleges in accordance with all the applicable laws and the Constitutions of California and the United States. In so doing, the board may initiate and carry on any program or activity, or may otherwise act in any manner that is not in conflict with, inconsistent with, or preempted by any law that does not conflict with the purposes for which community college districts are established.

Following are specific fiduciary duties and responsibilities of the board:

- A. Represent the public interest.
- B. Hire and evaluate the superintendent/president.
- C. Delegate power and authority to the superintendent/president to effectively lead the district.
- D. Establish policies for, and approve, current long-range academic and facilities plans and programs and promote orderly growth and development of the college.
- E. Establish policies for and approve courses of instruction and educational programs.
- F. Establish academic standards, probation and dismissal and readmission policies, and graduation requirements consistent with minimum standards adopted by the State Board of Governors. Award degrees, certificates and diplomas to students upon completion of prescribed courses or curriculum.
- G. Employ and assign all personnel, consistent with minimum standards adopted by the Board of Governors, and, in keeping with statutory guidelines, establish employment practices, salaries, and benefits for all employees. Following applicable due process guidelines, terminate the employment of any employee when, in the board's judgment, the best interests of education in the district so require.
- H. To the extent authorized by law, determine and control the district's operational and capital outlay budget. Assure that public funds are spent prudently and legally. Determine, if appropriate, the need for elections for override tax levies and bond measures and authorize the calling of such elections.

- I. Manage and control district property; contract for the procurement of goods and services as authorized by law.
- J. Establish procedures that are consistent with minimum standards adopted by the Board of Governors to ensure faculty, staff, and students the opportunity to express their opinions at the campus level and to ensure that these opinions are given every reasonable consideration, and the right to participate effectively in district and college governance.
- K. Establish rules and regulations governing student conduct.
- L. Establish student fees that are required by law, and, in its discretion, fees it is authorized by law to establish.
- M. Receive gifts, grants, and scholarships on behalf of the college and its students.
- N. Within the framework provided by law, determine the district's academic calendar, including holidays it will observe.
- O. Hold and convey property for the use and benefit of the district. Acquire by eminent domain any property necessary to carry out the powers or functions of the district.
- P. Annually review and approve the district's Deferred Maintenance Plan and Five-year Capital Outlay Plan.
- Q. Participate in the consultation process established by the Board of Governors for the development and review of policy proposals.
- R. Provide policy direction for the district while delegating administrative authority to the superintendent/president as chief executive officer.
- S. Review and evaluate the performance of the superintendent/president on an annual basis pursuant to Board Policy 2435, Evaluation of Superintendent/President.
- T. Review and evaluate its own performance on an annual basis.