## **BOARD POLICY**



POLICY: GP 6

SUBJECT: CHAIR'S ROLE

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Chair is the Board of Trustees' servant-leader who, standing in the Board's mutual commitment to Catholic values and as a specially empowered member of the Board of Trustees, assures the integrity of the Board's process, and, secondarily, occasionally represents the Board of Trustees to outside parties.

- 1. The assigned result of the Chair's job is that the Board of Trustees behaves consistently with its own rules and bylaws and those legitimately imposed upon it from outside the organization.
  - A. The content of discussion at meetings will be on those issues which, according to Board policy, clearly belong to the Board of Trustees to decide or to monitor.
  - B Information which is for neither monitoring performance nor Board of Trustees decisions will be avoided or minimized and always noted as such.
  - C. Deliberation will be fair, open, and thorough, but also timely, orderly, and kept to the point.
- 2. The authority of the Chair consists in making decisions that fall within topics covered by Board policies on Governance Process and Board-Management Delegation, with the exception of (a) employment, discipline or termination of a Director of Education, evaluation of Director of Education performance, determination of Director of Education compensation, or changing the conditions of employment of a Director of Education and (b) instances where the Board specifically delegates portions of this authority to others. The Chair is authorized to use any reasonable interpretation of the provisions in these policies.
  - A. The Chair is empowered to chair Board meetings with all the commonly accepted power of that position, such as ruling and recognizing.
  - B. The Chair has no authority to make decisions about policies created by the Board of Trustees within Ends and Executive Limitations policy areas. Therefore, the Chair has no authority to supervise or direct the Director of Education.
  - C. The Chair may represent the Board of Trustees to outside parties in announcing Boardstated positions and in stating chair interpretations within the area delegated to her or him.
  - D. The Chair may delegate this authority, but remains accountable for its use.

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Chair of the Board

Secretary of the Board