



Board Governance Policy Manual

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PURPOSE

The Board of Governors is committed to enlightened, consistent leadership on behalf of Mohawk College's students, staff, industry partners and the communities it serves. To accomplish this the Board will implement a governing style that emphasizes outward vision; ensures sound financial oversight, encourages participation and diverse viewpoints; focuses on strategic, transparent, accountable and proactive leadership while maintaining a clear distinction between Board and staff roles. The Board will govern with excellence. The purpose of this policy is to outline specific principles of governing style that will guide decisions of the Board going forward.

APPLICATION AND SCOPE

This policy applies to the Board of Governors.

PRINCIPLES

1. Board decisions are strategic and policy-based and describe the outcomes and objectives that the Board wishes to achieve. Board decisions shall be aligned with the vision, mission and values of the College. The Board focus is on visioning, measuring, monitoring oversight and achieving outcomes.
2. The Board will develop its annual strategic priorities in consultation with the President at its June meeting. The planning cycle will focus on carry-over priorities from the previous year, ongoing activities, and new priorities for the coming year.
3. The annual strategic priorities set by the Board must be achievable by the college. The Board may direct staff to implement priorities or as appropriate directly assist in implementing a policy directly affecting the Board.
4. The Board shall approve metrics as the monitoring tool to measure the progress of the College's strategic priorities and direct staff to provide an update of the key projects and metrics at each regular Board meeting.

5. When providing direction or approving any matter the Board will consider the financial cost associated with implementation.

6. Once Board decisions have been made, the Board shall speak with one voice.

MONITORING

The Board is responsible for monitoring the nature and quality of its priorities policies and decisions to ensure that the focus remains on governance.

**POLICY REVIEW DATE:
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