



Board Governance Policy Manual

POLICY CATEGORY: GOVERNANCE/BOARD PROCESS	POLICY NUMBER: B04
POLICY TITLE: THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNOR	EFFECTIVE: JUNE 11/08
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PURPOSE

This policy identifies the roles and responsibilities of individual Board members.

APPLICATION AND SCOPE

This policy applies to individual members of Mohawk College's Board of Governors.

PRINCIPLES

Each member of the Board has a responsibility to contribute positively to the operation of the Board and the achievement of the Board's objectives and mandate.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Each Governor has a responsibility to:

1. Adhere to the principles of governance and the College's vision, mission and values;
2. Work positively, co-operatively and respectfully as a member of the whole Board;
3. Respect and abide by decisions of the Board, even in situations where the individual Board member did not support the decision in the voting process;
4. Serve on at least one Standing Committee;
5. Regularly attend Board and Committee meetings (see also Policy B07);
6. Complete preparatory work necessary to participate effectively in meetings of the Board and its Committees;
7. Keep informed about:
 - matters relating to the College;
 - the educational needs of the communities served by the College; and

- other educational services provided by the Region;
8. Participate in any initial orientation to the role of Governor and in ongoing professional development opportunities;
 9. Participate in an annual evaluation of overall Board effectiveness;
 10. Abide by the ByLaws and policies of the College; and to
 11. Represent the Board when requested.

MONITORING

Governors are responsible for monitoring their own performance to ensure that their actions are in compliance with the duties and statutory obligations associated with the position of Governor.

A Governor who has concerns about the conduct of another may discuss the matter in confidence with that Governor and may also initiate the protocol referenced in Policy B03 and B08. A Governor who has concerns regarding conduct may also bring the matter to the attention of the Board Chair or the Governance Committee who may choose to resolve the issue informally or initiate the protocol.

POLICY REVIEW DATE:

NEXT REVIEW – 2016/2017