

POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

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The chief duty of the Board of Regents is to provide for the progress and welfare of the College, and to establish the policies that govern the College's organization and operation.

The Board functions only when it is convened in meetings. An individual Board member speaks for the Board only when the Board has delegated such authority. As the governing body, the Board of Regents chief powers, duties, and responsibilities include:

1. To preserve institutional independence and to defend its right to manage its own affairs through chosen administrators and employees;
2. To work to enhance the public image of the College;
3. To interpret the community to the campus and interpret the campus to the community;
4. To nurture the College such that the College achieves its full potential within the scope of its role and mission;
5. To adopt and periodically review the mission of the College and to insist on a clarity of focus and mission for the College;
6. To act as a policy-making body and to provide policy direction for the College, adopting such policies, rules, regulations, and/or bylaws as the Board deems advisable;
7. To establish goals consistent with the College's role and mission;
8. To appoint a President of the College, to designate the President as the chief executive officer of the College, to invest in that individual all such powers as may be legally delegated to the office, to periodically evaluate the President, and to assist the President in the achievement of the mission and goals of the institution; (Only the College President shall be directly responsible to the Board. All other administrators, faculty members, and other employees shall be responsible to the President.)
9. To adopt the annual operating budget on or before September 1 of each year;
10. To adopt a tax rate each fiscal year as required by the Tax Code 26.05.

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11. To levy and have collected taxes and to issue bonds, as appropriate;
12. To set and have collected any amount of tuition, fees, rentals, rates, and/or charges the Board considers necessary for the efficient operation of the College District;
13. To receive bequests and donations or other monies or funds legally coming to the College;
14. To select a depository for College District funds;
15. To have the accounts audited in accordance with appropriate accounting standards; to employ an independent auditor responsible to the Board, with the President of the College or his/her designee given authority to call upon the auditor for professional opinions;
16. To employ a professional architect or engineer, as needed, the architect or engineer designated to work with the College President and others to develop appropriate plans for consideration and approval by the Board;
17. To seek legal advice and assistance, as needed, with the President of the College or his/her designee designated agent given authority to call for professional opinions;
18. To sue and be sued;
19. To exercise the right of eminent domain and to acquire property;
20. To set admissions standards for the College consistent with the role and mission of the College;
21. To keep, or cause to be kept, complete and accurate minutes of all meetings;
22. To approve all instructional programs offered by the College District;
23. To consider all recommendations on College District matters presented by the College President;
24. To adopt salary schedules for all employees of the College District;

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25. To approve faculty contracts upon recommendation of the College President;
26. To act as a body of final appeal in matters that may be appealed from the decision of the College President;
27. To order elections, as required by law;
28. To fill vacancies on the Board, created by death, resignation, or removal, in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas;
29. To promote the College and to cooperate with the President in a program of public relations; to represent the needs of the College to the public; and,
30. To carry out all other duties and responsibilities as may be required by law.

To complement and to extend the statements of legal duties and responsibilities, the Board has the responsibility of formulating broad public policy in community college education for the College District. It shall function as the legislative and policy-making body charged with the oversight and control of the College District's activities and assets. The Board shall designate the President the function of implementing policy and of designing the detailed arrangements under which the College District shall be operated.

All authority not vested by the laws of the State of Texas in the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall be reserved and retained locally in the College District or in the Board of Regents, as provided in the applicable laws.