

Individual Board Member's Authority and Responsibilities

Any duty imposed upon the Board as a body shall be performed at a regular or special meeting and shall be made a matter of record. The consent to any particular measure obtained from individual Board members when the Board is not in session shall not be an act of the Board and shall not be binding upon the College.

A Board member has the authority to act in the name of the Board when authorized by a specific Board motion. When authorized to act as the designated representative in collective bargaining, a Board member may make and accept proposals in bargaining subject to subsequent approval by the Board.

A Board member has the right to express personal opinions. When expressing such opinions in public, the Board member must clearly identify the opinions as his/her own.

Members will be knowledgeable of information requested through Board action, supplied by the President, gained through attendance at College activities, and through professional Board activities.

Members of the Board will adhere to the following in carrying out the responsibilities of membership:

1. Request for Information

Any individual Board member who desires a copy of an existing written report or survey prepared by the administrative staff will make such a request to the Board chairperson and President. Once the request has been approved by the Board a copy of the material will be distributed to each member of the Board. Requests for the generation of reports or information which require additional expense must be submitted to the Board for consideration.

2. Requests for Legal Opinions

Any Board member may request a legal opinion. Such request, however, shall be made through the Board chairperson to the President. If the legal opinion sought involves the President's employment or performance, the request should be made to the Board chairperson. Legal counsel is responsible to the Board.

3. Action on Complaints or Requests Made to Board Members

When Board members receive complaints or requests for action from staff, students or members of the public the Board member should advise and direct complainant to the college's established complaint process, and such information should immediately be conveyed to the President who will insure internal processes are followed if a complaint is filed.. If the complaint is against the President, the Board may take action or designate another Administrator to take action.

4. Board Member's Relationship to Administration

Individual Board members will be informed about the College's educational programs. Board members will coordinate all visits to the College through the President's office. Board members will not intervene in the administration of the College.

5. Contracts or Agreements Made By Individual Board Members

Contracts or agreements made by individual Board members without the Board's authority are invalid.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 341.283](#)

[ORS 341.290](#)

38 OR. ATTY. GEN. OP. 1995 (1978)

S. Benton Educ. Ass'n v. Monroe Union High Sch. Dist., 83 Or. App. 425 (1987).

Cross Reference(s):

BHD - Compensation and Expenses

DFEA - Admission to Events