

Governance Process Ends

Board-President Delegation

Executive Limitations

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY**

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The Jackson College Board of Trustees will govern lawfully, with an emphasis on outward vision, a commitment to obtaining Ownership input, the encouragement of diversity of viewpoints, strategic leadership, clear distinction of Board and President roles, collective decision-making, and a proactive, future-focus. This means the Board will not be preoccupied with the present or past, or with internal, administrative detail.

- 1. The Board will cultivate a sense of group responsibility. The Board, not the President, will be responsible for excellence in governing. The Board will initiate policy, not merely react to President initiatives. The Board will use the expertise of individual Trustees, Board committees and the President to enhance the ability of the Board, as a body, to make policy, rather than to substitute their individual judgements for the group's values.
- 2. The Board will direct, control, and inspire the organization through the careful establishment of broad written policies reflecting the Owners' values and perspectives. The Board's major policy focus will be on the intended long-term results to be produced for beneficiaries outside the organization, not on the administrative means of attaining those results.
- 3. The Board will enforce upon itself whatever self-discipline that is needed in order to govern with excellence. Self-discipline will apply to matters such as attendance, preparation for meetings, policy-making principles, respect of roles, Board behavior, regular self-evaluation, and ensuring the continuity of governance capability. Although the Board can change its governance process policies at any time, it will scrupulously observe those policies currently in force.
- 4. The Board will not allow any Trustee or committee of the Board to hinder or be an excuse for not fulfilling Board obligations.

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