

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

I. Purpose

Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC), as a distinct, separate local education agency (LEA), has a local governing board called the Board of Trustees. The purpose of the policy is to establish the membership and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees.

II. General Statement of Policy

A. Terms and Appointments

The Board of Trustees serves as the local governing board of WDTC and its members should represent the area WDTC serves, west river South Dakota. The Board of Trustees will consist of 9 members who each serve 3-year terms. No board member may serve more than three consecutive terms.

The Board of Trustees, with input from trade and industry representatives in the region and WDTC's President, shall appoint board members.

B. Duties and Responsibilities

The local governing board plays a critical role in setting the course for WDTC's future. The Board of Trustees establishes the policies and procedures necessary to effectively carry out WDTC's mission and advance the best interests of the students, faculty, staff, and community.

The local governing board is responsible for:

- Attending all regularly scheduled board meetings insofar as possible and being informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;
- Representing both institutional and public interests in decision making;
- Collaborating with the Board of Technical Education to ensure that the needs of the public, business, and industry are met to the highest possible degree and in the most cost-effective and efficient manner;
- Approving policies that fulfill the institutional mission and set prudent, ethical, and legal standards for WDTC operations;
- Assuring compliance and quality;
- Monitoring and supporting institutional and program accreditation;
- Hiring the WDTC President;
- Supervising and evaluating the WDTC President or appointing a designee to do so;

- Delegating power and authority to the WDC President to effectively lead and manage the institution;
- Ensuring the fiscal health and stability of WDC;
- Approving and monitoring the WDC budget;
- Approving local fees;
- Monitoring institutional performance and educational quality and encouraging continued improvement;
- Supporting and encouraging WDC's culture of shared governance;
- Advocating for and protecting WDC's ability to carry out its educational mission.

III. Definitions – None

IV. Reporting Procedures – None

V. Dissemination of Policy and Training

- A. This policy shall appear on the WDC website on the policy webpage.

Legal References: SDCL 13-39A-36, 13-39A-37, and 13-39A-38

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