The State Board of Education and the Board of Regents of the University of Idaho (the Board) is designated by the Idaho Constitution and Code as the employer for the institutions (Boise State University, Idaho State University, Lewis-Clark State College, University of Idaho, and Eastern Idaho Technical College), agencies (Division of Career Technical Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Idaho Educational Public Broadcasting System, and Office of the State Board of Education under its governance (reference Idaho Code Title 33, 67-53, and 59-16).

All employees at the institutions and agencies are governed by these personnel policies and procedures. The employees of the State Department of Education are subject to Section 33-127, Idaho Code, which authorizes the state superintendent of public instruction to hire and dismiss employees of the State Department of Education.

The primary responsibility for personnel management is delegated to the chief executive officers by the Board. The Board establishes these general personnel policies and procedures as an integral part of efficient and effective personnel management. The institutions and agencies may establish additional policies and procedures necessary for the management of personnel that further amplify and are consistent with the Governing Policies and Procedures of the Board.

Any personnel policies and procedures created by the chief executive officers must be described in the context of the respective purposes and missions of the various entities under the governance of the Board. It shall be the responsibility of each chief executive officer to ensure that all employees under their supervision have access to such policies and procedures and that a copy of such procedures is on file at the Office of the State Board of Education. If there is a conflict between a Board governing policy or procedure and an institutional or agency policy or procedure, the provisions of these Governing Policies and Procedures will apply and control.