

A. Meetings

1. The Committee holds at least four (4) regular meetings annually. A quorum of the Committee consists of eight (8) voting members with the option to poll absent members to reach 8 for a response within three (3) days. A quorum shall be present to conduct any official business.
2. Meeting locations shall be determined by the Committee.

B. Membership

Committee members must uphold the goals and objectives of the Committee and give adequate time and energy to the duties of membership. Decision making is a collective action and all members have a joint responsibility for decisions and actions.

C. Nominating Process

A letter of recommendation for representation of the appropriate entity shall be submitted to the Board of Education (Board) office and receive Board approval before an appointee may act in an official capacity of the Committee.

D. Voting privileges

A Committee member unable to attend a meeting either in person or by telephone conference may send a proxy in his or her place. The proxy will have full voting privileges upon receipt from the absent member of a written statement or a tribal resolution to the chair and staff. Notification must include name and position of proxy and a statement authorizing the proxy to act in the official capacity, including full voting rights, for the determined time period of the meeting, and the proxy has support for voting on behalf of the committee member. The proxy may not vote without this notification.

E. Duties of the Officers

1. The Chair
 - a. Presides at Committee meetings, with full power to discuss and vote on all matters before the Committee.
 - b. Submits such information and recommendations considered proper concerning the business and interests of the Committee.
 - c. Subject to action of the Committee, gives notice and establishes the dates and locations of all regular Committee meetings.
 - d. Calls special meetings of the Committee.

- e. Appoints Committee members to all standing and interim working groups of the Committee.
- f. Establishes the agenda in consultation with the staff support.
- g. Provides communication to the public as chief spokesperson for the Committee in coordination with the Board and State Department of Education (Department) Communications officers.

2. The Vice Chair

- a. Presides at meetings in the event of absence of the Council chair.
- b. Performs the Council chair's duties in the event of the Council chair's inability to do so.
- c. Becomes the acting Council chair in the event of the resignation or permanent inability of the Council chair until such time as a new chair is elected.

F. Duties of Staff Support

The staff will work to maintain effective communication among the Committee members, Department, Board office, Board, and key stakeholders. Staff will uphold appropriate organizational structure to carry out the work of the Committee. Staff will provide structure for the meetings, review the progress of the Committee's work, and identify areas of strengths and weaknesses.

1. Board Staff

Provide support to the Chair to carry out the purpose of the Committee. Report on relevant activities of the Board office and the Board. Provide the Board office and the Board of an overview of the Committee's work. Collaborate with the Department staff on communication, meeting details, and other items as necessary to the purpose and duties of the Committee.

2. Department Staff

Provide support to the Chair to carry out the purpose of the Committee. Report on relevant activities of the Department and appropriate key stakeholders. Provide the Superintendent of Public Instruction an overview of the Committee's work. Collaborate with the Program Manager on communication, meeting details, and other items as necessary to the purpose and duties of the Committee.

G. Administration of Committee Work

- 1. Special Committee assignments shall be designated at the discretion of the Board.
- 2. Coordination and collaboration of policies and procedures are conducted to maintain the integrity of the Board and the Department.

3. Dissemination of official committee information will go through the Board office and Department.

H. Adoption, Amendment, and Repeal of Bylaws

1. Bylaws and amendments must be approved by the Board before they are officially instituted by the Committee.
2. Recommendations for amendments or repeals of bylaws may be approved at any regular or special meeting of the Committee by a majority vote of the Committee, provided notice has been presented at the preceding meeting of the Committee.