



**Kern Community College District
Board Policy
Chapter 2 – Board of Trustees**

BP 2200 BOARD DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

References:

Education Code Section 70902;
WASC/ACCJC Accreditation Standard IV

Note: This policy is **suggested as good practice**.

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the District.

The Board of Trustees exists by virtue of and derives its powers from the Constitution and the Acts of the Legislature of the State of California and the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

The Board of Trustees governs on behalf of the citizens of the Kern Community College District in accordance with the authority granted and duties defined in Education Code Section 70902.

The Board of Trustees as the controlling body of the District is charged with:

- approving and adopting the policies for the operation of the District (Also see BP/AP 2410 titled Board Policies and Administrative Procedures),
- determining that adequate funds are available to enable the staff to execute these policies (Also see BP3A1 titled Budget Development, AP3A1 titled Budget Preparation and BP3A2 titled Fiscal Management), and
- acting as a board of appeals.

The Board shall exercise all the powers, duties, responsibilities, and obligations given to it by law. Its primary function is the determination of general policies for and exercise of general supervision of the District. The details and administration thereof shall be carried out by its officers and employees.

The Board is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities to:

- Represent the public interest
- Establish policies that define the institutional mission and set prudent, ethical and legal standards for college operations
- Hire and evaluate the District Chancellor

- Delegate power and authority to the District Chancellor to effectively lead the District
- Assure fiscal health and stability
- Monitor institutional performance and educational quality
- Advocate and protect the District

Management of the District (Also see BP6A titled Administrative Organization)

The Board shall determine the administrative organization necessary to execute District policies. It shall hire a District Chancellor and such other officers as may be required and fix their compensation and terms of office. The Board shall hold the Chancellor responsible for the efficient administration and supervision of the entire system and shall evaluate the District Chancellor.

The administration of the District is that of line and staff. Employees should conduct College or District business according to this organizational arrangement.

The College President's administrative organization shall be the established authority on campus. Staff members should report to the designated administrator on specific problems. The College President is the final authority at the College level.

When a change in organizational structure is being considered at a College, discussions shall be held with Academic Senate and classified representatives.

When a change in organizational structure is being considered at the District Office, discussions shall be held with representatives of the Academic Senates and classified representatives.