

Role of the President/Chief Governance Officer

The Chief Governance Officer (CGO), titled President, assures the integrity of the Board's governance process and, secondarily, occasionally represents the Board to outside parties.

1. The assigned result of the President's job is that the Board behaves consistently with its own rules and those legitimately imposed upon it from outside the District.
 - a. Meeting discussion content will be on those issues which, according to Board policy, clearly belong to the Board to decide or to monitor.
 - b. Deliberation will be fair, open and thorough, but also timely, orderly, and kept to the point.

2. The authority of the President consists in making decisions that fall within topics covered by Board policies on *Governance Process* and *Board-Superintendent Relationship*, with the exception of (a) employing or terminating the employment of a Superintendent and (b) where the Board specifically delegates portions of this authority to others. The President is authorized to use any reasonable interpretation of the provisions in these policies.
 - a. The President is empowered to chair Board meetings with all the commonly accepted power of that position (e.g., ruling, recognizing).
 - b. The President has no authority to make decisions about policies created by the Board within *District Ends* and *Executive Limitations* policy areas, including any staff means issues. Therefore, the President has no authority to supervise or direct the Superintendent.
 - c. The President may represent the Board to outside parties in announcing Board-stated positions and in stating chair decisions and interpretations within the area delegated to her or him.
 - d. The President may delegate this authority, but remains accountable for its use.

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