

Medicine Hat College Board Policy

Policy #: **GEA-02 Role of the Board**

Effective Date: May 16, 2023

Next Mandatory Review Date: May 16, 2026

Frequency of Reviews: Every 3 years



1. HIGH LEVEL STATEMENT

The Board of Governors (the Board) is accountable to Medicine Hat College (MHC), to each other, and to the public for responsible governance and the ongoing success of the college. The Board facilitates the development of the institution's strategic priorities and establishes the appropriate measuring and monitoring mechanisms for their achievement.

2. PURPOSE

This policy supports the Board's mandate to provide governance of the college on behalf of the public.

3. SCOPE

This policy applies to all board members in the conduct of the business of the Board and their conduct as board members.

4. PRACTICES

The Board represents the public in its oversight and stewardship of the public resources provided for the college. In this governance role, the Board will

- maintain policies to provide strategic guidance in the areas of
 - (a) Governance, Ethics, and Accountability,
 - (b) Financial Management,
- act in the best interest of the college to recruit, hire, and monitor the President and CEO's performance,
- support the Minister as appropriate in the recruitment and retention of board members,
- work collaboratively with the President and CEO to fulfill the institutional mandate,
- establish appropriate committees to enable effective Board governance,
- leverage existing contact and social capital to contribute to the advancement and betterment of the college,
- approve the college's legislative accountability documents and strategic priorities,
- demonstrate commitment to the Board's Code of Conduct Policy by means of a written declaration indicating awareness, understanding, and compliance,
- support positive, respectful relationships within the college,

- monitor the effectiveness of the Board policy framework to fulfil the board mandate,
- support the college's commitment to quality policy and practices that align with the college's mandate and
- approve remuneration for board members for their services and responsibilities in overseeing the institutions strategic direction, governance, and performance in accordance with By Law 8.1.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Governors is responsible for providing oversight of the college by acting within clearly defined roles, effective governance structures, consistent processes, and ensuring compliance with all aspects of the Post-secondary Learning Act.