



**ARTICLE 1200 ROLE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**BP 1220 Board of Trustees Policies**

The Board of Trustees shall be the policy-making body of the Santa Monica Community College District and shall establish general policies governing the operations of the college. Implicit in the adoption of policies is the understanding that the Superintendent/President is delegated the authority to carry them out. The policies adopted by the Board of Trustees are consistent with the provisions of the law, but do not encompass all laws relating to the District's activities.

The Board of Trustees shall determine the general scope and nature of the operation of the District, but shall not make specific administrative regulations, unless:

1. law requires the Board of Trustees to do so, or
2. a particular matter is of such magnitude that the Superintendent/President should not bear the responsibility alone and needs specific action of the Board of Trustees on such matter.

The Board of Trustees shall seek the recommendation of the Superintendent/President prior to adopting, amending, repealing, or suspending any policy. The formal adoption of policies shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board of Trustees. Only those written statements so adopted and so recorded shall be regarded as official Board policy.

The bylaws and the policies of the Board of Trustees shall be subject to adoption, amendment, or repeal only upon the affirmative vote of four or more members of the Board of Trustees at a meeting held subsequent to a meeting in which the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing. However, revisions of a technical nature that do not affect the intent of the bylaws may be adopted, amended, or repealed at a meeting in which the proposal has been submitted in writing.

The bylaws and the policies of the Board of Trustees shall be subject to temporary suspension upon the affirmative vote of four or more members of the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees does not adopt administrative regulations unless specifically required to do so by law, or unless requested to do so by the Superintendent/President. Adoption and amendment of such adopted regulations shall be by the same procedure as that specified for policies.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to review and direct revisions of administrative regulations should they, in the judgment of the Board, be inconsistent with the policies adopted by the Board.

Reference: Education Code Section 72000

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