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BOARD OF REGENTS

2. REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Policy 2.C: Regent Committees

2.C.1 Committee Governing Principles

Regent committees shall consist of standing committees and ad hoc committees. A standing committee shall be constituted in the manner and perform the functions described in the board laws or policies or other board action that authorizes it. An ad hoc committee shall be established by the board to undertake special assignments upon the completion of which the committee shall be dissolved.

- (A) Regent standing committees shall meet no less than quarterly; determine the dates and times of its meetings, unless otherwise directed by the board; post notices of its meetings as required by law and board policy; take minutes of its meetings and report at regular board meetings; and may, upon compliance with state statutory requirements, meet in executive session.
- (B) Regent standing committees may have members who are not members of the board if authorized by the board action establishing the committee.
- (C) Regent standing committees shall have the authority to make recommendations to the board, unless otherwise directed by the board, but shall not have the authority to act on behalf of the board unless the board has expressly delegated authority to it.
- (D) Regent standing committees shall have a chair and may have a vice chair, with the chair and vice chair to be appointed annually by the chair of the Board of Regents. Effective January 1, 2025, the chair and vice chair of regent committees shall be appointed after the first regularly scheduled board meeting of each calendar year and shall assume these roles before the second regularly scheduled board meeting of the calendar year. Unless seven or more regents are members of the same political party, the chair and vice chair of regent committees shall not be members of the same political party. Unless otherwise limited by these provisions, any regent is eligible to be appointed to the chair or vice chair of a regent committee irrespective of that regent's party affiliation. In making chair and vice chair appointments, the chair of the Board of Regents should consider continuity of experience on the committees with the goal of building and maintaining institutional knowledge.
- (E) Regent standing committees may have between three and five members. Effective January 1, 2025, members of regent committees shall be appointed after the first regularly scheduled board meeting of each calendar year and shall assume these roles before the second regularly scheduled board meeting of the

45 calendar year. Unless seven or more regents are members of the same political
46 party and the committee consists of an even number of members, those
47 members shall be divided equally between regents of different political parties.
48 Unless seven or more regents are members of the same political party and the
49 committee consists of an odd number of regents, the number of regents
50 appointed to serve as members of the committee from any political party must be
51 within one of the members appointed from another political party. Unless
52 otherwise limited by these provisions, any regent is eligible to be a member of a
53 regent committee irrespective of that regent's party affiliation. In making
54 committee appointments, the chair of the Board of Regents should consider
55 continuity of experience on the committees with the goal of building and
56 maintaining institutional knowledge.

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- 58 (F) Regent committees shall, ~~between the first regularly scheduled board meeting of~~
59 ~~each calendar year and the second regularly scheduled board meeting of the~~
60 ~~calendar year~~, approve an annual work plan and provide that work plan to the
61 Board of Regents for its review. At each committee meeting, the members shall
62 review the work plan and make any necessary modifications.

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64 2.C.2 Governance Committee

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66 The Governance Committee of the Regents of the University of Colorado shall be a
67 standing committee.

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69 The primary function of the committee is to review and recommend policies and
70 procedures to enhance the quality, efficiency, and effectiveness of the Board of
71 Regents. The committee shall have all authority necessary to fulfill the duties and
72 responsibilities assigned to the committee in this charter or otherwise assigned to it by
73 the Board of Regents.

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75 The committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

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77 (A) Board/System/Institution Governance:

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- 79 (1) Periodically examine the effectiveness of relationships and communications
80 among the various governance institutions of CU, including the Board of
81 Regents, the president, and shared governance bodies.
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- 83 (2) Periodically review and recommend improvements to the processes ~~and~~
84 ~~policies~~ associated with regent laws and policies.
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- 86 (3) Oversee the development and maintenance by each of the board's
87 standing committees of a written committee charter defining its role,
88 responsibilities, and authority.
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- 90 (4) If requested by the Board of Regents, and in consultation with the
91 administration, make recommendations to the board on the strategic vision
92 of the university. The strategic vision is encompassed in the mission
93 statement, vision statement, and guiding principles of the university, and is
94 further outlined in the strategic framework. The framework is used to inform
95 the development of the administration's strategic plan.

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~~(4)~~(5) At least annually, review the schedule for ongoing review of regent laws and policies and, periodically, review any amendments to the schedule that may have been made.

(B) Board of Regents Effectiveness:

(1) Approve a board orientation process, ensuring that new board members have a clear understanding of the missions of the four campuses for which they are responsible and are aware of the role of regents in the governance of a university system.

(2) Develop and support ongoing education of all regents, including the annual retreat and other opportunities.

~~(3)~~ — Establish performance criteria/expectations for regents.

~~(4)~~(3) Establish, coordinate, and review with the board chair criteria and method for evaluating- improving the performance of the board.

~~(5)~~(4) Oversee the development and implementation of conflict of interest, financial disclosure, and other policies relating to the efficient, effective, and ethical operation of the Board of Regents.

History:

- Adopted as Regent Committee Roles and Authority, September 18, 1980.
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