

Polk State College

District Board of Trustees Rule

Rule Number	Subject	Rule Making Authority	Statutory Reference	SBE Rule Reference	Effective Date
6Hx21 1.01	Board Membership and Organization	FS 1001.61-65	FS 1004.70	6A-14.024	1/27/2020

The District Board of Trustees has adopted the following policy regarding Board membership and organization:

1. Membership of the Board is established in accordance with Sections 1001.61-65 and 1004.70 of the Florida Statutes and State Board of Education Regulations 6A-14.024. Members of the Board are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate in regular session. Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years and may be reappointed. Terms shall expire on May 31 of the year of expiration, or as soon thereafter as the successor shall be qualified to serve.
2. At the first regular meeting after July 1 of each year, the Board shall organize by electing a Chair and Vice-Chair. The President shall act as ex-officio secretary.
 - A. At the organizational meeting, the President shall act as Chair until the organizational meeting is completed.
 - B. The Chair and the Secretary shall then make and sign a copy of the proceedings of organization, including the schedule for regular meetings; annex their affidavits that the same is a true and correct copy of the original; and the Secretary shall file the document with the Florida Department of Education – Chancellor’s Office.
3. If a vacancy should occur in the chair, the Board shall proceed to elect a chair at the ensuing regular meeting or at a called special meeting.
4. The Board is constituted a body corporate by the name of "The District Board of Trustees of Polk State College, Florida." In all suits against the Board, service of process shall be had on the Chair of the Board, or in the absence of the Chair, on another member of the Board.

5. Per Florida Statute 112.3145, members of the District Board of Trustees (DBOT) are regarded as “local officers.” The policies concerning dismissal of DBOT members as “local officers” are contained in the Florida Constitution, Article IV, Section 7. Members of the DBOT may only be dismissed by the Governor for cause and by due process.

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