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The State Board of Education hereby establishes standing committees of Board members for the purpose of delegating specific issues or tasks for initial study, review, and recommendation.


Standing committees of the Board will meet in conjunction with regularly scheduled board meetings to review and make recommendations on agenda items for the current or future board meetings. The agenda for regularly scheduled committee meetings will be determined by the upcoming board meeting agenda, as set forth in board bylaw B6 (Agendas/Meeting Materials for Regular Meetings). Additionally, the committee chair or a committee member may add agenda items in consultation with the commissioner and board president.

Standing committees may also meet at the direction of the committee chair or on the request of a committee member. In addition, the board president may request a committee to meet and deliberate on a specific topic or activity. The agenda for these additional meetings of a standing committee may be determined by the committee chair, the board president, or both. Committee members may add agenda items for these additional committee meetings in consultation with the committee chair.

The commissioner of education may request an opinion from a standing committee regarding a proposal that is being prepared for recommendation to the State Board.

Upon completion of an assigned activity or task, the committee shall report to the full Board their deliberations and recommendations. All recommendations of the committee are subject to the approval of the Board.

Board appointments to the standing committees will be made by the board president. Requests for membership on the committees may be made by individual Board members. committee chair and vice chair will be appointed by the board president for each standing committee. The board president and vice president shall not serve as chair or vice chair of a standing committee, except for the Executive Committee, as described below. The committee chair is responsible for presiding over committee meetings. The committee vice chair shall act in the absence of the chair and should be consulted by the chair regarding committee matters as the need arises. Each standing committee shall be assigned Nebraska Department of Education staff to assist and/or advise the committee. The commissioner of education will assign staff.


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In addition to standing committees, ad hoc committees may be formed by, and members appointed by the president or the Board, as the need arises. Ad hoc committees are formed to carry out specified tasks. After the committee presents its final report to the Board, the committee will disband unless the president or Board gives new direction.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is responsible for reviewing and recommending policies and procedures for the review of performance of the commissioner; advising the commissioner on legislative matters while the state legislature is in session; making recommendations to the Board on the NDE's position on specific bills and legislative resolutions; and reviewing board policies, including the bylaws, and recommending to the Board changes to board policy. The Executive Committee shall serve as a consultant group for the commissioner.

The president and vice president shall serve as chair and vice chair of the Executive Committee, respectively. The president shall appoint two other members who do not serve as chair of another standing committee.

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Budget and Finance Committee


The Budget and Finance shall advise and make recommendations to the Board for possible action in connection with the Department budget and finance proposals.

The Budget and Finance Committee shall be given the additional responsibility to review the budgets for the NDE Trust Funds and make recommendations to the Board for approval.

Planning and Evaluation Committee

The Planning and Evaluation Committee shall review and make recommendations to the Board on matters related to planning and evaluation activities and functions of the state school system.

Additional duties of the Planning and Evaluation Committee include, but are not limited to, advising and making recommendations to the Board for possible action on the development of school accountability plans; community achievement plans; program or activity performance reviews; school accountability, accreditation, and approval; statewide assessment; and content area standards.


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Rules and Regulations Committee

The Rules and Regulations Committee shall review and make recommendations to the Board on matters related to education policy, primarily in the form of administrative rules and the relationship to state and federal statutes.

Additional duties of the Rules and Regulations Committee include, but are not limited to, advising and making recommendations to the Board for possible action on the development, revision, or repeal of the administrative rules of the Nebraska Department of Education, including the personnel rules.

All standing committees shall have the responsibility to initiate legislative proposals and position statements of the Board, related to the purpose of the respective committee, to be considered by the Board for approval.

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Board Action History

- 8/19/77 – Prior BBC
(Discussed temporary committee appointments, actions not binding unless approved by Board, listed 3 committees.)
- 12/7/84 – Prior 9131 BOP
(Same text as BBC, renumbered.)
- 12/8/95 – Prior B5
(Same text as 9131 BOP, except for deletion of reference to 3 committees.)
- 5/12/00 – Prior B5
(Complete revision. Discussed and listed 5 standing committees and committee meeting procedures.)
- 10/3/03 – Prior B5
(Complete revision. Different list of 4 committees. Added space for cross-references and Legislative history.)
- 9/7/06 – B5
(Minor changes. Deleted Curriculum Committee from list.)
- 9/4/15 – B5
(Added language that any Board member may request a current copy of the appraisal instrument from Commissioner’s Office.)
- 5/6/2016 – B5
(Added three standing committees – AQuESTT Teaching and Learning Domain/AQuESTT Student Success and Access Domain/Budget and Finance.)
- 12/2/2016 – B5
(Added the Strategic Planning, Performance and Improvement Standing Committee.)
- 03/03/2017 – B2(B5)
(Reorganized Board Policy Reference Manual with new designated letters for categories of policy [P], bylaws [B] and position statements [S]. B5 is now B2.)
- 03/05/2021 – B2
(Added clarifying language to Legislative Committee and Strategic Planning, Performance and Improvement Committee descriptions.)
- 01/07/2022 – B2
(Board reorganized committees into four committees rather than seven)

Cross-References

- 79-315 R.R.S. – State Board’s power to organize itself