

POLICY: 2.1.3

State Board Responsibilities and Authority

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POLICY:

The Board shall provide overall policies for managing public postsecondary technical and adult education to ensure that the needs of the citizenry, business, and industry are met to the highest possible degree and most cost-effectively and efficiently.

The Board shall establish its guiding policies, subject to change from time to time, but all of which shall be per the established objectives and the trusteeship to the public.

The policies of the Board may be amended and adopted by the Board acting collectively at any meeting of the Board subject to the Board's bylaws.

RESPONSIBILITY:

The Board shall:

1. Provide overall policy guidance to the Commissioner, who is responsible for day-to-day operations on behalf of the Board.
2. Approve overall goals and objectives for public postsecondary technical and adult education.
3. Approve annual and long-range plans for public postsecondary technical and adult education.
4. Approve changes in organizational structure or functional assignments for the Commissioner and organizational level reporting immediately to the Commissioner.
5. Employ, dismiss, and establish the salary of the Commissioner.
6. Delegate to the Commissioner the authority to hire and fire department employees and establish salaries in conformance with state laws and regulations.
7. Approve all new technical education programs for public postsecondary technical education and delete or modify existing programs.

8. Review recommendations for annual and supplemental budget requests for all public postsecondary technical and adult education and make recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

a) Approve the preliminary operating budget for each Technical College annually.

9. Establish policies and review and approve those proposed and established by the Commissioner so that the Department's operations meet the Board's goals and objectives.

10. Authorize TCSG staff, subject to State Board approval when required, to prepare, submit, and coordinate appropriate requests to the State Properties Commission seeking its approval of, and assistance with the execution of, real property acquisition, disposition, and lease transactions for TCSG and its sub-entities.

11. Consider and act upon the following:

a) All legislation proposed by the Department.

b) All actions required by law to be taken by the Board.

c) Proposals for state-level advisory committees and the committee's membership. Members serve at the pleasure of the State Board and may be removed by the Board at any time based upon the Commissioner's recommendation.

d) All proposals for membership on all local boards of directors of state technical institutes and colleges. Members serve at the pleasure of the State Board and may be removed by the Board at any time based upon the Commissioner's recommendation.

e) All contracts for construction, leases, equipment, and furniture exceed \$125,000 in total annual cost. The Board shall also act upon all change orders or amendments to construction contracts that exceed twenty percent of the original contract cost. "Construction contracts" include contracts for repair or renovation.

f) All non-personnel contracts, including amendments, change orders, and renewals, exceed \$125,000 in total annual cost. Therefore, the Board shall act upon all change orders or amendments to existing non-personnel contracts exceeding twenty percent of the original contract cost.

g) All plans to promote the Board's activities and solicit funds.

12. Represent the State with other postsecondary technical and adult education agencies in Georgia, other states, and at the national level.

13. Make recommendations for improving public postsecondary technical and adult education.

14. Regularly review the mission statements of the Technical Colleges and approve all changes to mission statements.

15. Regularly conducts a board self-evaluation.

RELATED AUTHORITY:

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-11 – Powers of Board

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-14 – TCSG Established; Powers and Duties