

POLICY #3: GOVERNANCE PROCESS

CHAIRPERSON'S ROLE

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The job “product” of the Chairperson is the integrity of the board’s process. In order to maintain the “one voice” principle, the Chairperson, or board designee, is the only person authorized to speak for the board except for the President, other than in rare and specifically authorized instances.

1. The job output of the Chairperson is that the board behaves consistent with its own rules and those legitimately imposed upon it from outside the organization.
 - A. Meeting discussion content will only be those issues which, according to board policy, clearly belong to the board to decide, not the Administration.
 - B. Deliberation will be timely, fair, orderly and thorough, but also efficient, limited to time and kept to the point.
 - C. MCTC rules of order will be observed except where the board has superseded them.
 - D. In order to ensure that the distinction between ends and means is reinforced in Board decision making, prior to a vote on any motion, the Chair shall ask the Board to make a judgment whether the motion is consistent with intent of Policy Governance philosophy.
2. The authority of the Chairperson consists in facilitating a quality board process consistent with board policies on *Governance Process* and on the *Board-President Relationship*.
 - A. The Chairperson is empowered to chair board meetings with all the commonly accepted power of that position (e.g. ruling, recognizing).
 - B. Chairperson authority does not extend to supervising, interpreting board policies to, or otherwise directing the Administration.