Chair's Role **GP-5**

The Chair of the Board ensures the integrity of the Board's processes and normally serves as the Board's official spokesperson. Accordingly, the Chair has the following authority and duties:

1. Monitor Board behavior to ensure that it is consistent with its own rules and policies and those legitimately imposed upon it from outside the organization:
   a. Conduct and monitor Board meeting deliberations to ensure that only Board issues, as defined in Board policy, are discussed.
   b. Ensure that Board meeting deliberations are fair, open, and thorough, but also efficient, timely, orderly and to the point.
   c. Chair Board meetings in accordance with law and Robert's Rules of Order.
   d. Provide a means of collecting monitoring data from all board members, collate and present data to the board for discussion and action.

2. Make all interpretive decisions that fall within the topics covered by Board policies on Governance Process and Board/Staff Relationship, except where the Board specifically delegates such authority to others, using any reasonable interpretation of the provisions in those policies:
   a. Refrain from making any interpretive decisions about policies created by the Board in the Ends and Executive Limitations policy areas.
   b. Refrain from exercising any authority as an individual to supervise or direct the Superintendent.

3. Represent the Board to outside parties in announcing Board-stated positions and in stating decisions and interpretations within the areas assigned to the Chair, delegating this authority to other Board members when appropriate, but remaining accountable for its use.

4. With the Superintendent, plan and approve the annual meeting schedule and agenda.

5. When necessary, sign documents as required by law and authorized by the Board.

6. Appoint members to Board-approved subcommittees with input from the Board.

In the absence or inability of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall have all of the powers and duties of the Chair.

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Monitoring Method: Board Self Assessment
Monitoring Frequency: Annually in March