

**Cochise College
District Board Policy**

**Category: Governance
Policy Number: 202
Title: Board Chairperson's Role**

The Board Chairperson (referred to as the Board President in Arizona Statute) is elected by the District Board at its January meeting, to serve for a period of one year. Normally, the chairperson is the only Board member authorized to speak for the Board publicly and officially. The Chairperson's responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- a. The Chairperson shall ensure that the Board and its members act in accord with Board policies and consistent with the State of Arizona statutes.
- b. The Chairperson shall call and preside at Board meetings.
- c. The Chairperson shall ensure that discussions at Board meetings address matters which are appropriate and relevant to Board governance.
- d. The Chairperson shall inform Board members of appropriate issues and processes that might affect the Board.
- e. The Chairperson shall appoint Board members to committees as required.
- f. The Chairperson is the principal Board member responsible for the Board-president relationship and shall be the primary Board member who interacts and communicates with the College President. However, the Chairperson cannot act without the agreement of the Board in matters such as supervising or directing the College President.

The Chairperson may delegate some of the above actions to another Board member, but the responsibility for these actions cannot be delegated.