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TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD BOARD GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE CHARTER

INTRODUCTION

The Board Governance Committee has been established to support the CalSTRS board in promoting the best interests of CalSTRS, its members, retirees and beneficiaries through the implementation of sound board governance policies and practices that enhance good, fair and open decision making.

AUTHORITY

To engage professional services consultants and counsel as necessary to assist the board in its strategic planning and governance activities. All committee actions must be ratified or adopted by the board.

COMPOSITION

The committee shall consist of at least five (5) members.

MEETINGS

The committee shall meet on an as-needed basis as determined by the committee chair in consultation with the board chair.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board Governance Committee shall have the authority and responsibility for the following:

1. To oversee the routine review of the board's governance manual and recommend changes to Section 2 (Board Governance), Section 4 (Ethical and Fiduciary Conduct), and section 6 (Compensation Policy) of the board governance manual.
2. To review board effectiveness and recommend improvements as directed by the board.
3. To oversee and facilitate educational opportunities for board members.
4. To recommend the roles and responsibilities of the various committees of the board as needed.
5. To review proposed changes, as appropriate, to the delegation of authority to the Chief Executive Officer, documented in the Appendices.
6. To provide a framework and oversight for the board consultant and evaluation process.
7. To periodically conduct an evaluation of the board consultants under their committee's purview.
8. To identify the need for and to recommend to the board positions on proposed legislation relating to board governance.
9. To adhere to the Risk Management Policy established by the board.
10. To review emerging and significant risks specific to the area of responsibility of the Board Governance Committee and to report those risks to the board.
11. To conduct the committee's work in a manner appropriately aligned with the CalSTRS strategic plan, including its mission and vision.

History: Adopted April 6, 2005; Amended April 2, 2009; Amended February 6, 2014 [to delineate Board and Committee responsibility in the oversight of risk]; Amended November 6, 2014 [responsibilities to include reviewing and making recommendations to the Board for format and organization changes to the Board Policy Manual]; Revised June 10, 2015 [Item Number 2 of the Responsibilities changing the wording from Section 700 (Administration) to read Section 700 (Compensation Policy)]; Revised February 7, 2018 [Item Number 5 regarding trustee education]; Amended January 31, 2020 [to update section references]; Amended September 2022 [to add strategic plan link]; Amended March 2024 [Incorporated minor changes to further clarify committee's role related to the BGM oversight and consultant evaluations]; Amended May 8, 2025.