

Northwest Florida State College  
**Policy Number 6Hx17-2.11**

TITLE	<b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERSHIP</b>
REFERENCE	SBR 6A-14.024; FS 1001.61
HISTORY	State Board Rule Revised June, 2004; FS Revised 2009
	Local Language Revised May, 1989; August 2008

**6A-14.024 Composition of Boards of Trustees.**

(1) The number of trustees on community college boards of trustees shall be:

(a) One (1) county district boards - five (5) or seven (7) trustees as decided by the board.

(b) Two (2) county district boards - five (5) trustees from the county of location and four (4) from the cooperating county. However, if the county of location has more than five (5) times the population of the cooperating county as determined by the U.S. Census, there shall be three (3) trustees from the cooperating county.

(c) Three (3) and four (4) county district boards - three (3) trustees from the county of location and two (2) from each cooperating county.

(d) Five (5) county district boards - three (3) trustees from the county of location, two (2) from each of the (2) more populous cooperating counties, and (1) from each of the two (2) less populous cooperating counties.

(e) Six (6) county district boards - three (3) trustees from the county of location, two (2) from the most populous cooperating county, and one (1) from each of the remaining counties.

(2) Population shall be determined by the most recent population estimates published by the Legislative Office of Economic and Demographic Research.

(3) Notwithstanding (1), the number of trustees for the boards of trustees of the following community colleges shall be:

(a) South Florida Community College – four trustees from Highlands County, two trustees from Hardee County, and two from DeSoto County.

(b) Gulf Coast Community College – five trustees from Bay County, three trustees from Gulf County, and one trustee from Franklin County.

(c) Edison Community College – three trustees from Lee County, two trustees from Charlotte County, two trustees from Collier County, one trustee from Glades County, and one trustee from Hendry County.

(4) Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years and may be reappointed. Terms shall expire on May 31 of the year of expiration, or as soon thereafter as the successors shall be qualified to serve. Residential address shall determine a trustee's county of origin.

(5) In the event of a violation of this rule adjustments shall be made immediately, except that the number of trustees from a county shall not be reduced until terms expire or resignations are tendered.

(6) When changes in board composition are required by law or by this rule, the Governor shall stagger the length of terms of the board positions next in line for appointment in such a manner as to provide for future position expiration dates as equal in number as possible in each succeeding year for each county. IN such cases, where eight or more trustees positions will exist at any college, then at least two terms will expire each year. Where less than eight trustee positions will exist, then at least one but not more than two trustee positions will expire each year.

(7) Community colleges shall annually report to the Chancellor the composition

of their boards of directors, including the home, residential address (with county), e-mail address, home and business telephone numbers, and end of term.

Specific Authority 1001.02(1), 1001.02(9) FS. Law Implemented 1001.61(1) FS, Laws 1984 c. 84-336, 44, . History - Formerly 6A-8.06, Repromulgated 12-19-74, Amended 12-26-77, 7-26-84, 11-5-85, Amended 12-06-90; Amended 6/04



**1001.61 Community college boards of trustees; membership.--**

(1) Community college boards of trustees shall be comprised of five members when a community college district is confined to one school board district; seven members when a community college district is confined to one school board district and the board of trustees so elects; and not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts, as provided by rules of the State Board of Education. However, Florida State College at Jacksonville shall have an odd number of trustees.

(2) Trustees shall be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate in regular session.

**(3) Members of the board of trustees shall receive no compensation but may receive reimbursement** for expenses as provided in s. [112.061](#).

(4) At its first regular meeting after July 1 of each year, each community college board of trustees shall organize by electing a chair, whose duty as such is to preside at all meetings of the board, to call special meetings thereof, and to attest to actions of the board, and a vice chair, whose duty as such is to act as chair during the absence or disability of the elected chair. It is the further duty of the chair of each board of trustees to notify the Governor, in writing, whenever

a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year, which absences may be grounds for removal.

(5) A community college president shall serve as the executive officer and corporate secretary of the board of trustees and shall be responsible to the board of trustees for setting the agenda for meetings of the board of trustees in consultation with the chair. The president also serves as the chief administrative officer of the community college, and all the components of the institution and all aspects of its operation are responsible to the board of trustees through the president.

**History.**—s. 77, ch. 2002-387; s. 10, ch. 2009-228.

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## **Local Language**

Members of the Board serve without compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses as provided for in FS 1001.61 and FS 112.061, including mileage to and from official board meetings.

As vacancies occur, successors shall be appointed by the Governor as provided for in FS 1001.61.