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The Hocking College Board of Trustees operates under Policy Governance and conduct business in accordance with the By-Laws of the Board, local, state, and federal laws and regulations. The official title of the governing body of Hocking Technical College (the "College") is the Board of Trustees of Hocking College (the "Board"). The Board constitutes a body corporate and has the exclusive power, consistent with state and federal trust law, to govern and oversee the leadership and management of the programs offered by the College. All authority not vested by the laws of the state, the accreditation commission, and the U.S. Department of Education, or other accrediting entities is reserved to the Board. The Board, in its efforts to represent the community it serves, governs the College through the administration, to promote education for the benefit of the entire community.

The Board, being composed of lay members, shall exercise the traditional and time-honored role as it has evolved in the United States and shall constitute the keystone of the governance structure. In this regard, the Board:

1. Is expected to preserve institutional independence and to defend its right to manage its own affairs through its chosen administrators and employees.
2. Shall enhance the public image of the College under its governance.
3. Shall interpret the community to the campus and interpret the campus to the community.
4. Shall nurture the College under its governance to the end that it achieves its full potential within its role and mission.
5. Shall insist on clarity of focus and mission of the College under its governance.