

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
2009-2011 Standing Committees of the Whole
Chairmanship Assignments

Note: As of May 2009, all committees will officially be held as “Committees-of-the-Whole”, with a chair appointed for each committee.

Governmental Relations Committee of the Whole

Ms. Lanita Koster, Chair

The Government Relations Committee of the Whole shall develop legislative principles; review legislative proposals on issues which are not under the purview of another Board Committee; monitor the state and federal legislative sessions, the progress of the Board's legislative proposals and the progress of other education-related legislation in the General Assembly; monitor education-related legislation in Congress; recommend Board positions and/or action in relation to all of the above; and perform such other responsibilities as are designated by the Board or the Board Chairperson.

This Committee's Chairperson shall be authorized (a) to establish, on an *ad hoc* basis and with the concurrence of the Board Chairperson, such subcommittees as he or she determines are necessary for appropriately fulfilling the Committee's responsibilities; and (b) expand, with the concurrence of the Board Chairperson and with the same notice required pursuant to Section VI.D.2 herein, his or her Committee to a Committee of the Whole for a particular meeting, at which all Board members legally present would have the right to vote and have such vote counted towards the Committee's recommendation.

Education Policy Planning Committee of the Whole

Dr. David L. Fields, Chair

The Education Policy Planning Committee shall be responsible for developing recommendations for strategic actions by the State Board of Education on issues of short- and long-term relevance to Illinois education. The Committee shall provide a forum for Board discussion about the direction of educational policy and its implications for the State of Illinois educational system. The committee will be responsible for identifying issues of future interest to the Board and studying the implications for education and the State Board of Education. The committee will develop policy topics for Board meeting agendas and a long-term policy development calendar. The unique responsibility of this Committee is to ensure that the Board deals with long-range issues and needs as well as current concerns.

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Finance and Audit Committee of the Whole

Ms. Joyce Karon, Chair

The Finance and Audit Committee shall develop the State Board of Education's annual budget and monitor its progress in the General Assembly; work to improve the financing of local school districts and other institutions within the purview of the State Board of Education; at least annually, review Board member travel policy and related matters; review agency administrative and operational policies and procedures, including the implementation of policies and procedures relating to contracts; review and approve Requests for Sealed Proposals per policy; provide oversight for the Internal Audit Function; review all external audits of the State Board of Education and the agency response; develop a process for a quarterly review of the State Superintendent's expenses and time allocations and for sharing the results of the review with the entire Board; and perform such other responsibilities as are designated by the Board or the Board Chairperson.

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Board Operations Committee of the Whole

Dr. Christopher J. Ward, Chair

The Board Operations Committee shall plan and coordinate the operational policies and activities of the Board, including but not limited to the following activities: develop processes for the selection and evaluation of the State Superintendent and the staff secretary to the Board; review evaluations of agency senior leadership; review Board operational policies and procedures; plan special Board activities such as recognition and celebration; develop Board meeting calendar, arrange meeting agendas and identify locations; develop procedures for self evaluation of the Board's operation and impact; and review Board Bylaws and recommended changes.

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