

C. BOARD-STAFF RELATIONSHIP

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POLICY TYPE: BOARD-STAFF RELATIONSHIP

POLICY TITLE: *CHIEF EXECUTIVE ROLE*

The executive director, as chief executive officer, is accountable to the board acting as a body. The board will instruct the executive director through these written policies, delegating to the executive director the implementation and administration of these policies.

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POLICY TYPE: BOARD-STAFF RELATIONSHIP

POLICY TITLE: *DELEGATION TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*

All board authority delegated to staff is delegated through the executive director.

1. The board authority will direct the executive director to achieve specified results, for specified recipients, at a specified cost through the establishment of *Ends* policies. The board will limit the latitude the Executive Director may exercise in practices, methods, conduct, and other “means” to the *Ends* through establishment of *Executive Limitations* policies.
2. The Executive Director must use reasonable judgment in the implementation or administration of the board’s *Ends* and *Executive Limitations* policies; the executive director is authorized to establish practices, and develop activities.
3. The board may change its *Ends* and *Executive Limitations* policies. By so doing, the board changes the latitude of choice given to the Executive Director. If any particular delegation is in place, the board and its members will respect and support the Executive Director’s choices, provided that the Executive Director’s choice is consistent with the board’s fiduciary responsibility.
4. Only decisions of the board acting as the body are binding upon the Executive Director.
 - a. Decisions or instructions of individual board members, officers, or committees are not binding on the Executive Director except in rare instances when the board has specifically authorized such exercise of authority.
 - b. In the case of board members or committees requesting information, other than a public record, or assistance without board authorization, the Executive Director may refuse such requests that require a material amount of staff time or funds or is disruptive.
5. The Executive Director will be responsible for the hiring, termination, and annual evaluation of all employees of the Retirement and Investment Office.

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POLICY TYPE: BOARD-STAFF RELATIONSHIP

POLICY TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION

As the board's single official link to the operating organization, the executive director's performance will be considered to be synonymous with the RIO's total performance.

Consequently, the executive director's job contributions can be stated as performance in the following areas:

1. Organizational accomplishment of the provisions of board policies on *Ends*.
2. Organizational operation within the boundaries of prudence and ethics established in board policies on *Executive Limitations*.
3. Maintain accurate records of the proceedings of the SIB and TFFR Board.

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POLICY TYPE: BOARD-STAFF RELATIONSHIP

POLICY TITLE: *MONITORING EXECUTIVE PERFORMANCE*

Monitoring executive performance is synonymous with monitoring organizational performance against board policies on *Ends* and on *Executive Limitations*. Any evaluation of the executive director's performance, formal or informal, may be derived only from these monitoring data.

1. The purpose of monitoring is simply to determine the degree to which board policies are being fulfilled. Information which does not do this will not be considered to be monitoring. Only a minimum amount of board time as necessary will be devoted toward monitoring so that meetings can best be used to create the future rather than to review the past.
2. A given policy may be monitored in one or more of three ways:
 - A. Internal report: Disclosure of compliance information to the board from the executive director.
 - B. External report: Discovery of compliance information by a disinterested, external auditor, inspector or judge who is selected by and reports directly to the board. Such reports must assess executive performance only against policies of the board, not those of the external party unless the board has previously indicated that party's opinion to be the standard.
 - C. Direct board inspection: Discovery of compliance information by a board member, a committee, or the board as a whole. This is a board inspection of documents, activities, or circumstances directed by the board which allows a "prudent person" test of policy compliance.
3. The board will monitor each *Ends* and *Executive Limitations* policy according to the following frequency and method:

Quarterly internal reports for policies:

- A-2 Staff Relations
- A-4 Budgeting
- A-5 Financial Condition
- D-3 Investment Services
- D-4 Investment Performance

Annual external reports for policies:

- A-2 Staff Relations
- A-4 Budgeting
- A-7 Asset Protection
- D-3 Investment Services
- D-4 Investment Performance

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Annual internal reports for policies:

- A-1 General Executive Constraint
- A-3 Relating to Public and Government
- A-8 Compensation and Benefits
- A-9 Conflict of Interest

4. The Executive Director will submit required monitoring reports at regular meetings of the board. The board will act on those reports by voting on one of the following motions:
 - A. A motion to accept the report.
 - B. A motion to conditionally accept the report, with a statement of the revisions or additional information that is necessary for the report to be accepted without condition.

The internal audit staff will be responsible for preparing an annual summary of the board's action concerning required reports submitted by the Executive Director, and the summary will be made available as a part of the formal evaluation of the Executive Director.

5. Each March the board will conduct a formal evaluation of the executive director/investment officer. This evaluation will be based on accomplishments of *Ends* and *Compliance with Executive Limitations*.
6. At the February board meeting, the chairperson will appoint a three-member committee to review the board's evaluation and make a recommendation to the full board concerning salary for the executive director/investment officer.

In making its recommendation, the committee will consider job performance as evidenced by the annual summary of the periodic monitoring reports, the Retirement and Investment Office budget status, the annual Public Pension System's Compensation Survey, the annual National Association of State Investment Officer's survey, the legislature's approved salary increases for state employees, the North Dakota market compensation for comparable positions, and other data or information considered relevant by the committee.

The committee's recommendation will be placed on the May board meeting agenda for possible action by the board. Final action by the board will be accomplished no later than the June board meeting.

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