



# Southwestern Michigan College Board Policy - Bylaws – Article I Membership - Board of Trustees

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## SECTION 1. Qualification and Election

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### A. Qualification

A candidate for election to the Board of Trustees must be a resident elector in the community college district and meet other qualifications according to the laws of Michigan.

### B. Time of Elections

Elections shall be held biannually in even years at the time of the November general election. Special elections may be called by the Board as provided by law.

### C. Selection and Number

The Board of Trustees, consisting of seven members shall be selected in accordance with State law.

### D. Vacancies

Vacancies in the Board of Trustees shall be filled by the Board in accordance with State law.

## SECTION 2. Responsibilities

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The Board of Trustees of Southwestern Michigan College district shall have the power to make plans for, to promote and/or acquire, construct, own, develop, maintain, and operate the College as provided by law and the constitution of the State of Michigan. The following concepts are found within the law but are not necessarily all inclusive:

- A. To establish policies, bylaws, rules and regulations for its own government and for the control and government of the College and the College district.
- B. To select and appoint the President of the College.
- C. To be finally responsible for the acquisition, conservation, and management of the College's funds and properties.
- D. To establish new academic programs.
- E. To set standard tuition and fee rates.

### **SECTION 3. Authority of Members**

No member of the Board of Trustees shall have power to act in the name of the Board of Trustees outside regular or special Board meetings unless so directed by the Board of Trustees.

### **SECTION 4. Compensation**

No duly elected member or officer of the Board of Trustees shall receive any compensation for any service rendered in the district in performance of his duties as a Trustee. Expenses of the Board members may be reimbursed in accordance with Bylaws-Article VII.