

Policy Type: **GOVERNANCE PROCESS**



Policy Title: **CHAIR'S ROLE**

The Chair assures the integrity of the Board's process and, secondarily, represents the Board to outside parties.

Accordingly:

1. The assigned result of the Chair's job is that the Board behaves consistently with its own rules and those legitimately imposed upon it from outside the organization.
 - a) meeting discussion content will be on those issues, which, according to Board policy, clearly belong to the Board to decide or to monitor;
 - b) information that is for neither monitoring performance nor Board decisions will be avoided or minimized and always noted as such;
 - c) deliberation will be fair, open, and thorough, but also timely, orderly, and kept to the point.
2. The Chair is authorized to make decisions regarding Board and Board-staff means covered by Governance Process and Board-Chief Linkage policies, with the exception of:
 - (a) employment or termination of a Chief of Police; and
 - (b) where the Board specifically delegates portions of this authority to others.
3. The Chair is authorized to use any reasonable interpretation of the provisions in these policies:
 - a) the Chair is empowered to chair Board meetings with all the commonly accepted power of that position (e.g., ruling, recognizing);
 - b) the Chair has no authority to make decisions about policies created by the Board within Ends and Executive Limitations policy areas. Therefore, the Chair has no authority to supervise or direct the Chief of Police.

- c) the Chair shall represent the Durham Regional Police Services Board to outside parties in announcing Board-stated positions and in stating Chair decisions and interpretations within the area delegated to her or him.
 - d) the Chair may delegate this authority, but remains accountable for its use.
4. The Chair shall update the Board regarding his/her activities, at each regularly scheduled Board meeting.