

Board Committee Report

Governance Committee

Date of Report: February 18, 2024

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Date of Last Meeting: February 10, 2025

Date of Next Meeting: March 10, 2025 (beginning at 6:00 pm)

Motion/ Action Items for the Board Meeting:

For the Consent Agenda:

- i. 2nd reading/ potential approval of revised policy 516 (Student Medication)
- ii. Rescind new policy 522 (Title IX), approved 11/25/25
- iii. Emergency approval of former policy 522 (Title IX)
- iv. 1st reading of former policy 522 (Title IX)
- v. Emergency approval of new policy 519 (Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies)
- vi. 1st reading of new policy 519 (Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies)

Notes:

Schools must revert to the “2020” policy 522 (Title IX) after a federal court ruling in January 2025. Legally, the “new” policy isn’t valid, so we need to clearly rescind it and replace it with the former version.

Schools are recommended to approve policy 519 (Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies) if they haven’t already done so. This provides a clear process for school employees to follow.

Policy NP 208 (Policies) allows the Board to use the “emergency approval” process to approve policies without going through two readings if there is a need to have the policies in place in a shorter timeframe. The “emergency approval” lasts for 1 year unless the policy goes through the full two readings/board approval. The Governance Committee feels that the two policies we’re recommending for emergency approval are ready for the full approval process, which is why we’re simultaneously asking for an emergency approval and a 1st reading.

APPROVED 2024-2025 Governance Committee Goals

Goal	Notes	Due Date/ Complete?
<p>1. Work with the Executive Director to review and recommend policies that support Nova Classical's mission.</p>	<p>The GC is reviewing policies that are next in our review cycle, including returning to the new Procurement Policy (NP 705) and the revised Anti-Nepotism Policy (NP 405) which are only valid for one year at this time. At this time, there are 4 policies and the Bylaws that must be reviewed this year.</p>	<p>TBD; see Goal #2.</p>
<p>2. Revise Nova Classical's policy review plan to continue regular reviews within a manageable framework.</p>	<p>This would include revising policy NP 208 (Development, Etc. of Policies).</p> <p>Other factors to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State timelines for review (yearly, 3 years, etc.) - Cross-referenced policies - Still include every policy in the review plan (at least every 5 years?) - A clear record of all policies, when they were last reviewed, and a window for their next review - How to approach new policies vs old (More frequent review? More community feedback? More research? Etc.) 	<p>June 2025</p>
<p>3. Provide the 2024 Election Report and conduct the 2025 board election.</p>	<p>The GC has reviewed our election materials in order to start the Nomination Period on March 1, 2025.</p> <p>As per the 2024 Election Report, 5 seats are up for election:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 parent seats (each for a 3-year term) 2 teacher seats (each of a 3-year term) 	<p>The 2025 board election will be completed by the end of May 2025.</p>

	1 community member seat (for a 2-year term)	
4. Implement and update the board training process.	<p>There are new statutes regarding mandated training for all board members, including training mandated before new board members start their terms. These need to be included in our board training process; it may be prudent to create a calendar, list of possible topics, and (in accordance to state statute) a method for the Board to give input on what topics are needed each year, including a board assessment piece.</p> <p>It would also be helpful to develop any “yearly” trainings (such as those for new members like Robert’s Rules and Open Meeting Law) so that they are easily accessible each year and only need small updates as opposed to being recreated each time.</p>	Ongoing.
<p>5. Continue to think about two goals from last year:</p> <p>Recommend at least 1 new board member to the FoN Board.</p> <p>Find ways to educate the Nova Classical community on the work of the Board/Board committees.</p>	These don’t require “checking-in” on a monthly basis, but shouldn’t be neglected over the coming year.	June 2025