

# Board Committee Report

## Governance Committee

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**Date of Report:** August 17, 2022

**Written/ Submitted by:** Becky Lund (GC Chair)

**Date of Last Meeting:** August 8, 2022

**Date of Next Meeting:** September 12, 2022 (beginning at 6:00 pm)

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### Motion/ Action Items for the Board Meeting:

#### For the Consent Agenda:

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading/ potential approval of revised policy NP 404 (Background Checks)
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading/ potential approval of revised policy NP 405 (Anti-Nepotism)
3. Approval of revised “yearly review” policies: 402 (Disability Nondiscrimination), 410 Family and Medical Leave), 413 (Violence and Harassment), 414 (Mandated Reporting), 506 (Student Discipline), 514 (Bullying Prohibition), 515 (Protection and Privacy of Student Data), 521 (Student Disability Nondiscrimination), 522 (Title IX Policy), 524 (Internet Acceptable Use), 526 (Hazing Prohibition), 806 (Crisis Management)
4. Approve the 2022-2023 Governance Committee goals

Note: Relevant policies were also reviewed by Ms. Estrella to ensure they reflect Nova’s current HR practices.

#### For the Business Agenda:

1. Remove policy NP 302 (Early Admission to Kindergarten).  
Possible motion: Resolved, that the Board removes policy NP 302 (Early Admission to Kindergarten) effective August 29, 2022.
2. Charge the Governance Committee with creating a process and finding new members to serve on the Friends of Nova board.  
Possible motion: Resolved, that the Board charges the Governance Committee with creating a process to find and recommend members to serve on the Friends of Nova board.

Notes: MDE is requiring that we either remove this policy or remove almost all benchmarks for early admission before approving our new contract with Friends of

Education to make the policy equitable. Removing this policy means that we would only admit kindergarteners who have turned 5 by September 1<sup>st</sup> of that school year. (Under the policy, if a child meets several benchmarks, they could be admitted if they turn 5 by October 31<sup>st</sup>.) While we have a handful of families apply for early admission each year, it's rare that a child qualifies under this policy. Removing it would not make major changes. Additionally, removing it now would only affect students applying for the 2023-2024 school year and beyond.

The current members of the Friends of Nova board no longer have children attending Nova and want to resign. No new members have been appointed by the Board in several years and the process had been to ask people involved with the process of building Nova's Victoria campus and then other parents they knew. This is obviously not sustainable.

**Additional Update:** The Governance Committee has reached out to a few parents regarding the open parent seat on the Board. Interested parents are being asked to either attend the September 12 GC meeting or to submit information regarding their background and experience relating to the work of the Board. Our current plan is to make a recommendation to the Board at the regular September meeting. If approved, that person would begin serving on the Board immediately and end on June 30, 2023.

**Proposed 2022-2023 Committee Goals:**

Goal	Notes	Due Date/ Complete?
<p><b>Work with the Executive Director to review and recommend policies that support Nova's mission.</b></p>		<p>June 2023</p>
<p><b>Provide the 2022 Election Report and conduct the 2023 board election.</b></p>		<p>The Election Report is due to the Board by the October board meeting. Among other things, it will include the dates and seats up for election for the 2023 election.</p>

<b>Implement and update the board training process.</b>	Robert's Rules training for the September board meeting.	Ongoing.
<b>Create a process and implement to ensure 3-4 people serving on the Friends of Nova board on a rotating basis.</b>	This is pending the motion recommended for the business section of the meeting. If that motion does not pass, the Governance Committee will not have this goal.	