

Article I: Board of Education

Section A: Mission and Membership

Policy 010: Mission, Vision, Core Values, and Core Themes

I.A.010: Mission Statement: Rogue Community College (RCC) provides quality education to help learners achieve their goals, and to support the social, civic, cultural, and economic vitality of our diverse community.

Vision: Building on our strong traditions of serving students and the southern Oregon region, RCC:

1. Excels as a progressive, collegial, and responsive teaching and learning community by providing accessible, affordable, and quality classes.
2. Provides a collaborative and inclusive culture by inspiring staff, honoring teaching and learning, using data strategically, and communicating effectively.
3. Enhances student employability by developing career pathways and connecting students to workforce opportunities.
4. Advances the region's economic, social, and cultural well-being by building and sustaining partnerships with other educational institutions, employers, community agencies, and students.

Core Values: RCC serves its community with outstanding educational opportunities based on a dedication to these core values:

Excellence motivates our every act and inspires our dedication to service.

Integrity inspires us toward strong ethical principles and accountability.

Respect nurtures an environment that treats individuals and ideas fairly with dignity and compassion.

Innovation promotes an agile, responsive culture to creatively address the emerging needs of our region.

Stewardship commits us to responsible and resourceful guardianship of community resources and sustainable practices.

Core Themes: Promote Student Access and Success; Advance Student Learning; Strengthen our Diverse Communities; Model Stewardship

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Policy 020: Organization and Authority

I.A.020: The RCC Board derives its authority from Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS). The Board is subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, the ORS, the rules and regulations of the Oregon State Board of Education, and the expressed will of the district electorate. Board members serve without pay except that the district provides actual and necessary expenses incurred by Board members for authorized travel or College business.

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Policy 030: Membership and the Board

I.A.030: The Board shall consist of seven (7) members; two (2) residing in Josephine County (Zones 1 and 2) and five (5) residing in Jackson County (Zones 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7). These members shall be elected from the zones described below by the qualified electors of the entire district. The boundaries encompassing the following Josephine and Jackson County precincts (*effective July 1, 2001*) are zones 1 through 5 as follows:

Zone 1: Northern Josephine County, Grants Pass, including precincts:
1-7, 14-16, 18-21, 26, 32-36, 41-42, 44-45, 50-51, and 53-54

Zone 2: Southern Josephine County, Grants Pass, including precincts:
8-13, 17, 22-25, 27-31, 37-40, 43, 46-49, and 52

Zone 3: NW Jackson County, including precincts:
109, 112-113, 115, 117, 119-120, 122, 125-127, 129, 131-132, 134, and 136

Zone 4: NE Jackson County, including precincts:
22-27, 29-32, 35-38, 59, 61, 101-102, 104, and 107

Zone 5: SE Jackson County, Ashland, including precincts:
1, 2, 4-5, 9-13, 18-21, 96, 98-100, and 103

Zone 6: SW Jackson County, including precincts: 53, 63, 68-71, 73, 82-84, 86-88, 91-5

Zone 7: North Jackson County, North and South Medford, including precincts:
40-42, 44-45, 47-48, 51, 54, 56-57, 66, 74, 76, 78, and 80

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Policy 040: Orienting New Board Members and Term Effective Date

I.A.040: The Board, assisted by the President, shall help each new member-elect to understand its functions, policies, and procedures before taking office. The following methods shall be employed:

The member-elect shall be provided materials developed by the Oregon Community College Association and Oregon School Board Association on the job and responsibilities of being a Board member, and will be encouraged to take part in orientation sessions provided by these organizations.

The member-elect shall be invited to attend all Board meetings and work sessions, and upon being duly sworn in, executive sessions, and to participate in discussions.

The College President shall supply material pertinent to meetings and shall explain its use.

The incoming member shall be invited to meet with the President and other administrative personnel to discuss college services.

Copies of Board policies, the current budget document, and appropriate college administrative procedures shall be made available.

Board members shall be encouraged to attend workshops, association meetings, and new Board member orientation, when available.

Board members elect are encouraged to meet individually with other Board members. The term of office of all Board of Education members shall begin on July 1 following the date of election. Board members must qualify by taking the oath of office within 30 days after their election and before assuming the duties of office.

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Policy 050: Board Vacancies/Elections

I.A.050: Vacancies: If a vacancy occurs on the Rogue Community College Board of Education (Board), the Board shall appoint a member from the same zone to fill the vacancy until the next election. **Elections:** Directors shall be elected in conformity with state requirements.

Polling places and election precincts shall be established and revised from time to time by the Board in cooperation with the County Clerk. Serial levies, bond issues and similar items may be submitted on election dates authorized by the legislature.