



Brantford Police Services Board

Policy #24-08 Governance – Board Chair's Role

Description

Purpose

The Board Chair facilitates the Board's decision-making processes, rather than making the Board's decisions for it. The Chair also represents the Board to the media, stakeholders and other parties.

Requirements

1. The Chair shall assure the integrity of the Board decision-making by presiding over all Board meetings, in accordance with the Procedural Bylaw.
2. The Chair ensures that all meeting agenda items and discussions are limited to issues which clearly belong to the Board to decide or to monitor.
3. The Chair ensures that the Board conducts itself in accordance with its own bylaws and policies, and with those rules legitimately imposed upon it by legislation and regulation.
4. The Chair ensures that Board meeting deliberations are fair, open, relevant and thorough, as well as timely, orderly and kept to the point.
5. The Chair shall report, at each regularly scheduled Board meeting, any otherwise unreported events and activities of the Board interest having occurred since the previous Board meeting.
6. The Chair's authority is limited to the expressly conferred upon the Chair by law, the Board's procedural bylaw and/or policies. Otherwise, the Chair has no authority to supervise or direct the Chief of Police.
7. The Chair is authorized to direct the Board's staff, on behalf of the Board, in accordance with Board's policies.

Legislative Reference

Board Policy

Passed / Reviewed and/or Updated

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