

<p>Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board</p>	<p>Policy Area</p> <p>GOVERNANCE Board Process</p>
<p>COMMITTEE PRINCIPLES</p>	<p>Policy Number</p> <p>G-14.0</p>

Preamble

Board Committees are established to aid the process of governance, not management; this simple rule safeguards the Board-Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) accountability relationship.

Policy

The Board, from time to time, may establish Committees to help carry out its responsibilities. To preserve Board holism, Committees are used sparingly, only when other methods have been deemed inadequate. Therefore, Committees will be used so as to minimally interfere with the wholeness of the Board's job.

Board Committees may not speak or act for the Board except when formally given such authority for specific and time-limited purposes. Such authority will be carefully stated in order not to conflict with authority delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer.

Board Committees are to help the Board do its job, not to help the staff do its job. Committees will assist the Board chiefly by preparing policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation. Board Committees are not to be created by the Board to advise staff.

If a Board Committee is used to monitor organizational performance in a given area, the same committee will not have helped the Board create policy in that area. This is to prevent committee identification with organizational parts rather than the whole.

Board Committees cannot exercise authority over staff, and in keeping with the Board's focus on the future, Board Committees will ordinarily have no direct dealings with current staff operations. Further, the Board will not impede its direct delegation to the Chief Administrative Officer by requiring approval of the Board Committee before an executive action.

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