

**South Tech Charter Academy, Inc. Board Policy 1.011**

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD**

1. The Governing Board is empowered to determine policies necessary for effective operation and general improvement of the school. Situation(s) that arise for which no applicable Governing Board Policy exists shall utilize the Sponsor's corresponding Board Policy(ies), and those policies shall serve as Governing Board adopted policies until such time as appropriate policies are developed and approved by the Governing Board. The Governing Board shall limit its action to establishing policy and fulfilling the requirements of, and exercising authority, under the appropriate Florida Statutes and State Board of Education rules.
2. Board members have authority only when the Board is meeting in official session and a quorum is present. The Governing Board shall not be bound in any way, by any statement, or by any action on the part of any individual Board member or employee except to the extent that the statement or action is in compliance with the action of the Governing Board. The governing Board may designate one or more Board members to represent the Board's position at specified occasions and/by consensus or vote upon a duly made motion on particular issues.
3. Under Florida Statutes, Governing Board members serve as representatives of the South Tech Academy. When speaking before individuals or groups, unless designated by the Board to speak on its behalf, individual Governing Board members are to declare that they are expressing their own personal views on which there is no adopted Board position, or are describing Board discussion on items not yet approved. If the Governing Board, in a prior public session, has approved a policy, agenda item, or statement of position on the issue or topic being discussed, then individual Board members may notify their audience of the Board approved position or action.
4. Governing Board members are encouraged to visit all departments and areas of the Academy in order to be better informed concerning all phase of the Charter School.
5. Any request for data or other information from a Governing Board member on topics, other than Board agenda items, which requires significant staff work to prepare, should have the concurrence by vote or consensus of a majority of Board members before staff time is expended.  
Authority: 230.22(2) FS; 1002.33(9)(k)

Implementation: 230.22; 1002.33(9)(k), FS

Reference Palm Beach School District Policy 1.011

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