

**CHAPTER I**  
**ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Sec. 1-1. Officers.** The officers of the Board of Education shall be the President, Vice President and Secretary. The President and Vice President shall be elected annually in July or whenever a vacancy exists, by majority vote of the full membership. The Board shall select and appoint a Secretary and an Assistant Secretary who shall be employees of the Board and shall have the powers and duties prescribed by these Rules.

**Sec. 1-2. Election of Officers.** The President and Vice President of the Board of Education shall be elected from the members of the Board of Education by a roll call vote of the members of the Board of Education. The President and the Vice President shall each receive the votes of a majority of the full membership of the Board of Education before being declared elected. The President and the Vice President, respectively, shall hold their offices for one year and until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified.

**Sec. 1-3. Special Committees.** The President, with the approval or at the direction of the Board of Education, may appoint special committees to consider and report on matters referred to them.

**Sec. 1-4. President.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Education at which the President is present. The President shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as usually pertain to the office of President, and shall also have such additional powers as may be granted by statute or by the Board of Education.

**Sec. 1-5. Vice President.** The Vice President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Education in the absence of the President, and shall perform such other duties as may be enjoined upon the Vice President by the Board of Education. In the case of the absence or disability of the President, or if there be a vacancy in the office of the President, all the powers and duties of that office shall devolve upon the Vice President, who shall continue to exercise such powers and duties until the President returns or the vacancy is filled.

**Sec. 1-6. Chairman Pro Tem.** In the case of the absence or disability of the President and the Vice President at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Education when a quorum is present, as determined by the Secretary by roll call, the members present shall proceed to the election of a Chairman Pro Tem who shall act at such meeting in lieu of the President and the Vice President.

**Sec. 1-7. Secretary.** The Secretary shall cause to be developed and kept a record of all of the agendas and proceedings of the Board of Education; shall give notice to members and the public of regular, special and recessed meetings of the Board of Education; shall have general supervision of all records of the

agendas and proceedings of the Board of Education and of each committee and subcommittee thereof, and of such other records as the Board of Education may direct; shall sign all records of proceedings of the Board of Education; shall cause to be prepared expeditiously the agendas and proceedings of the Board of Education and such reports and other matters as the Board of Education may direct or are by law required, and shall send copies thereof to all members; shall publish and make available, at a minimum once a year, an up-to-date copy of these Board Rules; shall maintain an up-to-date file on policies approved by the Board; shall publish in May of each year a calendar of Board meetings for the upcoming fiscal year; shall maintain a list of reports that require annual Board approval; shall accept all liens and summons served on the Board; shall sign all checks drawn by order of the Board of Education and present the same to the Mayor and the City Comptroller for countersigning, shall sign all contracts and legal instruments approved by the Board of Education and shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the Office of Secretary or such as may be directed by the Board of Education and by these Rules.

The Secretary shall be responsible for the administration of the Policies, for all records management (including computer, electronic, paper and film), records retention, records management and records destruction for the Board of Education and the Chicago Public Schools.

**Sec. 1-8. Assistant Secretary.** The Assistant Secretary shall perform the duties of the Secretary in case of the Secretary's absence or inability to act. The Assistant Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be enjoined upon the Assistant Secretary by the Board of Education.

**Sec. 1-9. Discrimination.** It is the policy of the Board to prohibit unlawful discrimination on the basis of any classifications protected by the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois and applicable federal, state or local laws or ordinances, including but not limited to discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, gender identity/expression, age, religion, disability, national origin or sexual orientation.

**Sec 1-10. Finance and Audit Committee.** The Finance and Audit Committee shall consist of all members of the Board of Education. The Finance and Audit Committee is authorized to review the status of the Board's budget and expenditures, review the expenses of the Office of the Board, decide all requests for reimbursement of expenses by the President of the Board, receive reports from the Chief Executive Officer or the Chief Financial Officer regarding issues related to the Board's financial condition, and review the Board's procurement and expense reimbursement policies and related matters. The Finance and Audit Committee also shall perform other responsibilities as are designated by the Board or the Board President.