

## Core Requirement 2.2

The institution has a governing board of at least five members that is the legal body with specific authority over the institution. The board is an active policy-making body for the institution and is ultimately responsible for ensuring that the financial resources of the institution are adequate to provide a sound educational program. The board is not controlled by a minority of board members or by organizations or interests separate from it. Both the presiding officer of the board and a majority of other voting members of the board are free of any contractual, employment, or personal or familial financial interest in the institution.

### Impact Statement

Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) and Capital Area Technical College (CATC) were both members of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) prior to the merger. The newly merged Baton Rouge Community College continues to be managed by the LCTCS Board of Supervisors, a body that generates policy, directs, controls, supervises, and assists its member colleges in the achievement of their institutional missions. As a state system, LCTCS is governed by the Louisiana Board of Regents (BoR) who coordinates all systems of public higher education in Louisiana. Because the governance structure remains unchanged, this standard has not been impacted by the merger (an organizational chart for the Louisiana Postsecondary Education System is presented in [Figure 2.2.1](#)).

### Rationale

The LCTCS Board of Supervisors consists of seventeen members. Fifteen members of the Board (two from each of the six congressional districts and three at-large) are appointed by the Governor of Louisiana with the consent of the State Senate. The LCTCS Board is constitutionally required to be representative of the state's population by race and gender to enhance diversity. Each member serves overlapping six-year terms. The other two members of the Board are students from one of the community or technical colleges within the LCTCS. The students must be full-time and are elected by the state council of student body presidents. Students serve from June of the year they are appointed until May of the following year and have full voting rights. Members of the LCTCS Board serve without pay but receive a per diem and expenses for official Board functions.

None of the Board members have contractual, employment, personal or familial financial interests in any of the institutions which fall under its jurisdiction (the members of the Board of Supervisors and brief summaries of their affiliations are presented in [Figure 2.2.2](#)). A review of LCTCS minutes ([Figure 2.2.3](#)) confirms that all actions submitted to the Board must be introduced by a Board member, seconded by another Board member, and approved by a quorum of the Board. The adherence to these rules of order safeguards the Board against undue influence from political, religious, or other external bodies and protects its institutions from such influences.

The Board of Supervisors for the Louisiana Community and Technical College System was created by an amendment to the Louisiana State Constitution of 1974 Article VIII Section 7.1. The Board was created to manage *“all programs of public postsecondary vocational-technical training, and, as provided by law, institutions of higher education which offer associate degrees”* in Louisiana ([Figure 2.2.4](#)).

The Authority of the LCTCS Board of Supervisors is found in the Bylaws of the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System Article 1 Section 3, which states: *“The corporate authority, internal and otherwise, vested in the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System is to supervise and manage, the systems under its jurisdiction, extends to all the colleges, branches, centers of learning or extensions of the system now existing or hereafter established”* ([Figure 2.2.5](#)). The Bylaws also set forth the rights and responsibilities of the Board to ensure adequate financial resources for its member institutions: *“In supervising and managing the institutions under its administration, the Board shall have the authority to: Receive and expend or allocate for expenditure to the institutions under its jurisdiction all monies appropriated or otherwise made available for purposes of the Board and/or the institutions under its jurisdiction.”*

The committees of the Board address all aspects of its member institutions ([Figure 2.2.6](#)). The committees meet under the direction of the Board Chair and include an Executive Committee and several Standing Committees. The Executive Committee considers matters referred to it by the Board and can take immediate action between Board meetings. The Standing Committees provide oversight for academics, instruction, workforce training, student affairs, finance, audits, facilities, properties, legislative requirements, human resources, grievances, and nominations.

## **Supporting Documents**

- [Figure 2.2.1](#) Louisiana Public Postsecondary Education Organizational Chart
- [Figure 2.2.2](#) LCTCS Board of Supervisor Members and Affiliations
- [Figure 2.2.3](#) LCTCS May 14 2014 Approved Board Minutes
- [Figure 2.2.4](#) Louisiana State Constitution of 1974 Article VIII Education
- [Figure 2.2.5](#) Bylaws of the LCTCS Board
- [Figure 2.2.6](#) LCTCS Board Committees