



Qualifications and Competencies for Governing Board Membership

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In addition to satisfying all statutory requirements, Norfolk State University's governing board members should have:

- An understanding of the distinctive nature and broad role of higher education in society;
- A knowledge of the institution and the governing board's role and responsibilities as a supervisory (i.e., policy-making) body;
- The interpersonal skills and character necessary to be a member of a collective body;
- The willingness to make personal and financial commitments to board service and to higher education, in general;
- A unique skill mix (i.e., interpersonal, academic or knowledge base) or a broad perspective of the salient matters facing the institution and higher education;
- A high level of personal integrity and independence;
- Relinquished partisan political activity or personal agendas that are disruptive or may be harmful to the institution; and
- The basic qualifications required by the Commonwealth of Virginia for appointment to a board or commission.