



Policy G04 - Board Member Obligations

Purpose

1. Board members collectively receive, question and assess reports from the HRPS and others, to collectively make decisions intended to ensure that policing actions and results in Halton Region are congruent with Community needs, values and expectations.

Requirements

2. Board members are obligated, by virtue of their appointments and oaths, to:
 - 2.1 uphold and abide by the laws, regulations, by-laws, policies and decisions of the Board;
 - 2.2 comply with the Code of Conduct for Members of Police Services Boards and the Conduct, Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest provisions of the Procedural By-law;
 - 2.3 actively participate in Board orientation and police governance education and training opportunities;
 - 2.4 actively prepare for and contribute to fulfilment of the Board's job description (refer to Policy G02);
 - 2.5 refrain from engaging in activities or communications that pre-empt, obstruct or otherwise draw Board attention away from fulfilment of the Board's job description;
 - 2.6 refrain from using any Board or Service resources including facilities, equipment, supplies, services, staff or any resource that belongs to or is funded by the Board, for election campaign or any campaign-related purposes; and
 - 2.7 Board members are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, as defined by public health authorities, in order to participate in any in-person Board meetings or events including HRPS events. Verification of vaccination status shall be coordinated by the CGO.

Reporting and Evaluation

3. The Board will annually evaluate Board Members' performances, and duly consider the Inspector General's recommendations, with a view to continuously improving police governance in Halton Region.

Legislative Reference:

PSA, sections 31, 69 (1)

CSPA, sections 35, 37-41, 43, 49.

Municipal Elections Act, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 32, Sched.

Adequacy and Effectiveness of Police Services Regulation (O. Reg. 3/99), sections 13 (2), 30 (1), 32 (1), 35.

Ontario Regulation 421/97 - Code of Conduct for Members of Police Services Boards.

Procedural By-law (By-law 2020-1 To Govern Board Meeting Procedures, as amended by By-law 2020-4), sections 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, 18

Procedural By-law sections 9.9, 14, 16