



NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

Memo

To: Board of Trustees
 From: Lori Kelley, Chair
 Date: February 20, 2024
 Re: Trustee Self-Assessment Results

Northwest Florida State College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). During each fiscal year, the Board of Trustees evaluates itself, consistent with the SACSCOC *Principles of Accreditation*. Section 4 of the *Principles*, in subsection 2.g., states the Board of Trustees “defines its responsibilities and regularly evaluates its effectiveness.” The purpose of the Trustee Self-Assessment is to fulfill this principle. The *Principles of Accreditation* are available to you for review in OnBoard under Resources, subfolder Board Member Resources.

Below are the results from the Spring 2024 Trustee Self-Assessment.

4.88	Board meetings are conducted in an orderly, efficient manner that allows for sufficient discussion.
4.75	I come adequately prepared to engage in productive dialogue related to the Board agenda.
4.63	I receive sufficient information in a timely manner for discussion and decision-making on policy recommendations.
4.75	Board members make decisions, independent of partisan bias, after thorough discussion and exploration of many perspectives.
4.75	The Board adheres to its policies and assures a comprehensive review and revision of Board policies is conducted on a regular basis.
4.75	The Board and President have a positive, cooperative relationship built on mutual trust and respect, and adheres to the established protocols for communication.
4.50	The Board expresses its authority only as a unit. I understand I have no individual authority.
4.50	The Board ensures a clear and appropriate distinction between the policymaking and the responsibility of the College administration and faculty to administer and implement policy.
4.69	Overall Score

Comments on any of the preceding questions:

The board has good discussion that brings in different opinions and viewpoints. There is overall respect for each other and attempts by all to build consensus.
Very well run. Good governance and procedures. Thorough focus on the students and what is best for the students and overall organization.
The Board could be more attuned to having the College address routine progress updates on the many ongoing approved Strategic initiatives/projects/programs. Request Board Counsel brief/re-brief to the Board, Counsel’s specific proactive meeting responsibilities.
We are doing better at not getting involved in the Administration’s business

Of all the boards that I've been part of this is the most professional and well run.

What are the areas of opportunity for the Board to help the College advance its mission?

Being a great "Brand Ambassador" for the college is being present when you can be to support the college and utilizing our own resources, including our relationships to help move the college's mission forward. Being available and ready when the college's President calls on us to use our unique talents.

Nothing comes to mind at this moment in time. Our Board has tremendous bandwidth to help the College advance its mission anytime administration needs assistance.

Continued focus on expansion in underserved areas, expansion of our collegiate high school, programming opportunities with the expansion of the South Walton Campus as well as curriculum/programming at all campus locations, etc.

Securing additional funding for cash reserves from the legislature.

Promote the college at every opportunity

Continued focus on community engagement, collaboration and relationship building in the business communities of the region.

Student housing