SACS Comprehensive Standard 3.2.5

3.2.5 - Board Dismissal

The governing board has a policy whereby members can be dismissed only for appropriate reasons and by a fair process.

Judgment of Compliance

In Compliance

Statement of Rationale for Judgment of Compliance

The Board of Trustees of Chipola College is the governing board for the college ([1a]; [1b]).

The Constitution of the State of Florida governs the conditions under which a trustee can be removed. Trustees are deemed state officers for certain purposes under Florida law, including suspension and removal ([2]).

The Governor of the State of Florida may suspend a state officer for malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect of duty, drunkenness, incompetence, permanent inability to perform official duties, or commission of a felony. It is the duty of the Chairman of the Board to notify the Governor, in writing, whenever a Board member fails to perform his or her official duties ([3]).

The Florida Senate may, in proceedings prescribed by law, remove from office or reinstate a suspended trustee. The President of the Florida Senate or a majority of the Senate may convene a special session to take up the matter of removal or reinstatement of a trustee ([2]).

Documentation:

[1a] Florida Statutes, Section 1001.63, Community College Board of Trustees, Board to Constitute a Corporation

[1b] Florida Statutes, Section 1001.64, Community College Boards of Trustees, Powers and Duties

[2] Florida Constitution, Article IV, Section 7

[3] Florida Statutes, Section 1001.61(4), Community College Boards of Trustees, Membership