

## REGENTS, STATE BOARD OF

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The Board of Regents, originally named the State Board of Education, was created in 1909 to coordinate and govern the three state institutions of higher education. Prior to that time, each of the universities had a separate board of trustees. The Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School was placed under the governance of the Board in 1911 followed by the Iowa School for the Deaf in 1917.

The Board consists of nine members appointed on a bipartisan basis for six-year staggered terms. Three appointments are made every two years by the Governor and confirmed by two-thirds majority vote of the Senate.

The Board of Regents governs the State University of Iowa, Iowa State University, University of Northern Iowa, the Iowa School for the Deaf, and the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School. The Board also serves as the Board of Trustees for the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Chapter 262 of the *Code of Iowa* provides that the Board shall "have and exercise all the powers necessary and convenient for the effective administration of its office and of the institutions under its control..." The Board is, for example, responsible for determination of academic programs, tuition and student fee rates, admission policies, oversight of financial matters, management and control of property, administration of employment and personnel policies, and general operations of the institutions.

The General Assembly has given the Board broad statutory responsibility to govern the Regent institutions and to provide educational and other services to the people of Iowa. To fulfill its responsibilities, the Board depends heavily on its staff, under the direction of the executive director, and delegates appropriate duties to the administrations of the institutions. The Board has adopted governance processes that are designed to allow it to make major policy decisions and to monitor the management of the institutions. These governance processes include strategic planning, budget development and approval, organizational audits, comprehensive fiscal reviews, and academic program approvals and reviews.

Another important aspect of the Board's governance authority is an extensive system of regular reports made by the Regent institutions to the Board. Annual governance reports include enrollments, housing and dining systems, curriculum changes, tenure, purchasing, equal opportunity, student financial aid, affiliated organizations, faculty productivity, graduate study centers, and institutional roads. These reports supplement the Board's authority in establishing institutional budgets and appropriations requests.

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The Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance is responsible for the administration of the major sources of state and local tax revenue; the management of the state's financial accounting systems; and operation of the Iowa Lottery. The department is structured along functional lines of responsibility in order to ensure efficient accomplishment of assigned responsibilities. The responsibilities for tax administration include the collection of various revenue sources