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The Role Of The Northland Board Chair

The Northland Board believes its ability to discharge its obligations is enhanced when leadership and guidance are forthcoming from within its membership. The Trustees will elect a Board Chair at the annual organizational meeting of the Northland Board. The Board Chair is accountable to the Northland Board and may be removed from office at any time by a simple majority of the Trustees at a regular or special meeting of the Northland Board.

Specific Responsibilities

1. The Board Chair is primarily responsible for providing leadership and guidance to the Northland Board and the Division.
2. The Board Chair shall call, approve the agenda, and preside over all regular and special meetings of the Northland Board.
3. The Board Chair shall ensure that the Northland Board operates in accordance with its own policies and procedures and the requirements of provincial legislation.
4. The Board Chair shall convey directly to the Superintendent such concerns as are related to him/her by Trustees, parents, students, or employees that may affect the administration of the Division.
5. The Board Chair shall provide counsel, when requested, to the Superintendent when a course of action may be necessary, the substance of which is not within the parameters of existing Board policy.
6. The Board Chair shall act as official spokesperson of the Northland Board except in those instances when this responsibility has been delegated by the Northland Board to another individual or group.
7. The Board Chair shall act as an ex officio member of all Board committees.
8. The Board Chair shall act as a signing officer of the Division.
9. The Board Chair shall keep informed of significant developments within the Division and in education provincially.



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10. The Board Chair shall ensure that the Northland Board engages in regular assessments of its effectiveness as a Board.
11. The Board Chair shall approve the distribution of any material to the public concerning the governance of the Division.

Legal Reference: Section 64, 65, 67, School Act – RSA 2000
Section 10, Northland School Division Act