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The Colorado Mountain College (CMC) Board of Trustees is responsible for promoting the general welfare of the College in the best interests of education and the College District. C.R.S. § 23-71-123.

The Board:

1. Operates at all times within the laws of the State of Colorado and the United States of America, in a prudent manner, consistent with commonly accepted standards of higher education, business, and professional ethics.
2. Cultivates a sense of group responsibility. The Board is responsible for excellence in governing. The Board is the primary initiator of governing policy. The Board uses the expertise of individual members to enhance its effectiveness as a collective body.
3. Defines policy standards for College operations and directs, controls, and inspires the College through the careful establishment of broad, written policies that reflect the Board’s values and perspectives about the vision, mission, values, and goals of the College.
4. Enforces upon itself the discipline needed to govern with excellence. Discipline applies to matters such as attendance, preparation for meetings, policymaking principles, respect of roles, and ensuring the continuance of governance capability.
5. Continues its education as Board Members through professional development opportunities and through biannual Board retreats. This continued “Learning for Life,” along with a commitment to seek input from internal and external constituents, assists the Board in inspiring broad values and perspectives for the College.
6. Employs, evaluates, and supports the College President. The Board promotes successful governance by fostering a strong relationship of mutual trust and respect with the College President. The partnership between the Board and the College President is based on open communication, trust, and support.
7. Acts as a unit. Expression of individual thoughts, ideas, and points of view is to be respected and encouraged as integral to the Board’s ability to forge its collective values. However, each Board Member supports the final determination of the Board concerning any particular matter, regardless of the Member’s personal position concerning such matter.
8. Makes informed decisions on behalf of its constituents. Decisions made by the Board are a result of analysis and group deliberations. Pertinent information provided by the community and College staff through the College President form the basis for decision making. While contributing to informed decisions by bringing forth concerns and issues from their respective communities and/or special interest groups, Board Members are expected to act on behalf, and in the best interests, of the entire College District and service area.

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9. Demonstrates commitment to inclusivity and diversity. Colorado Mountain College is committed to honoring diversity. Diversity enriches CMC’s curriculum, student body, personnel, and community. Diversity encompasses many factors including age, gender, disabilities, sexual orientation, culture, race, physical characteristics, learning styles, perceived differences, political differences, religious differences, class, and individual differences.

10. Supports and advocates for the College. The Board recognizes its role as an essential link between the College and the communities it serves. The Board promotes the College in the community, and seeks support for the College from local, state, and national policy makers. The Board of Trustees supports the CMC Foundation through participation in giving and community fundraising activities.

11. Evaluates its own performance. The Board periodically monitors and discusses the Board’s process and performance. Self-monitoring includes comparison of Board activity to Board policies.

12. Builds its governing capacity. Continual Board development includes orientation of new Board Members regarding Board Policies and periodic Board discussion of process improvement.

13. Has adopted an affirmation of service for new Board Members to assist in the on-boarding and orientation of new Board Members.