

<p>Washtenaw County Community Mental Health</p>	<p><i>Policy and Procedure</i></p> <p><i>Chairperson's Role</i></p>
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The Chairperson assures the integrity of the Board's process and, secondarily, occasionally represents the Board to outside parties.

1. The role of the Chairperson is to ensure that the Board behaves consistently with its own rules and those legitimately imposed upon it from outside the agency.
 - A. Meeting discussion content will only be those issues which, according to Board policy, clearly belong to the Board to decide, not the Executive Director.
 - B. Deliberation will be fair, open, and thorough, but also efficient, timely, orderly, and kept to the point.

2. The authority of the Chairperson consists in making decisions that fall within the topics covered by Board policies on Governance Process and Board-Executive Director Relationship, except where the Board specifically delegates portions of this authority to others. The Chairperson is authorized to use any reasonable interpretation of the provisions in these policies.
 - A. The Chairperson is empowered to chair Board meetings with all the commonly accepted power of that position (e.g., ruling, recognizing). The Chairperson may invoke Roberts Rules of Order.
 - B. The Chairperson has no authority to make decisions about policies created by the Board within Ends and Executive Limitations policy areas. Therefore, the Chairperson has no authority to supervise or direct the Executive Director.
 - C. The Chairperson will represent the Board to outside parties in announcing Board-stated positions and in stating Chair decisions and interpretations within the area delegated to him or her.

The Chairperson may delegate this authority, but remains accountable for its use.