

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

April 9, 2025

TOPIC: Exceptional Circumstance – Amendment to Board Bylaws

PRESENTED BY:

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RELATIONSHIP TO THE “TRANSFORMING FUTURES” STRATEGIC PLAN:

- Economic Mobility
- Education for All
- Empowered Talent
- Partner of Choice
- Power of 13

EXPLANATION:

Pursuant to the Board Bylaws, Article VII, Amendment of Bylaws, the Chair may determine an exceptional circumstance exists that necessitates the Board to vote immediately without giving the normal course of notice at the preceding regular meeting. All immediate amendments to the Bylaws shall be enacted by affirmative vote of the majority voting members present.

The Board is starting its internal process to identify its next Chair and Vice Chair. Through that, it is clear the Board needs to have greater flexibility with regard to Section 3.2, Term.

There are two questions for the Board to discuss today, which will impact the revision to this section.

1. Does the Board want the ability to vote for future Chairs and Vice Chairs limiting their term to less than the standard two-year term.
2. Does the Board want the flexibility to re-elect an officer beyond the one-term limitation.

Version 1: This proposed language provides the Board flexibility with both questions above.

- The term of the officers shall be for two years, with a one term limitation, or until successors are elected. In exceptional circumstances, as determined by a majority vote of the voting members present, an officer's term may be shortened to less than two years. Additionally, an officer may be eligible for re-election beyond the one-term limitation.

Version 2: This proposed language provides the Board flexibility with question two.

- The term of the officers shall be for two years, with a one term limitation, or until successors are elected. In exceptional circumstances, as determined by a majority vote of the voting members present, an officer may be eligible for re-election beyond the one-term limitation.

Because this section will impact the viability of this year's candidates, the Chair has determined there is a necessity to implement this revision immediately.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Chair recommends the Board amend the Bylaws to incorporate the proposed revisions, effective April 9, 2025.

ATTACHMENTS:

Bylaws - Redline V.1 04.09.25

Bylaws - Redline V.2 04.09.25