

## 2023 Kansas Statutes

**71-201. Boards of trustees; powers and duties.** (a) The board of trustees, in accordance with the provisions of law and the rules and regulations of the state board of regents, shall have custody of and be responsible for the property of the community college and shall be responsible for the operation, management and control of the college. The board of trustees shall hold at least one regular meeting each month at a time prescribed by the board. The board shall make an annual report in the manner prescribed by the state board of regents. Members of the board of trustees shall be paid subsistence allowances, mileage and other actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

(b) For effectuation of the purposes of this act, the board of trustees in addition to such other powers expressly granted to it by law and subject to the rules and regulations of the state board of regents is hereby granted the following powers:

(1) To select its own chairperson and such other officers as it may deem desirable, from among its own membership. The secretary may be chief administrative officer of the college.

(2) To sue and be sued.

(3) To determine the educational program of the college subject to prior approval thereof as provided in this act and to grant certificates of completion of courses or curriculum.

(4) To appoint and fix the compensation and term of office of a president or chief administrative officer of the college.

(5) To appoint upon nomination of the president or the chief administrative officer members of the administrative and teaching staffs, to fix and determine within state adopted standards their specifications, define their duties and to fix their compensation and terms of employment. No community college teacher shall be required to meet licensure requirements greater than those required in the state educational institutions.

(6) Upon recommendation of the chief administrative officer, to appoint or employ such other officers of the college, agents and employees as may be required to carry out the provisions of law and to fix and determine within state adopted standards their qualifications, duties, compensation, terms of office or employment and all other items and conditions of employment.

(7) To enter into contracts.

(8) To accept from any government or governmental agency, or from any other public or private body, or from any other source, grants or contributions of money or property which the board may use for or in aid of any of its purposes.

(9) To acquire by gift, purchase, lease-purchase, condemnation or otherwise, and to own, lease, use and operate property, whether real, personal, or mixed, or any interest therein, which is necessary or desirable for community college purposes. Any lease-purchase agreement entered into under authority of this subsection shall be subject to the conditions set forth in K.S.A. 10-1116c, and amendments thereto. The term of any lease entered into under authority of this subsection may be for not to exceed 10 years. Such lease may provide for annual or other payment of rent or rental fees and may obligate the community college to payment of maintenance or other expenses. Any lease or lease-purchase agreement entered into under authority of this subsection shall be subject to change or termination at any time by the legislature. Any assignment of rights in any lease or lease-purchase made under this subsection shall contain a citation of this section and a recitation that the lease or lease-purchase agreement and assignment thereof are subject to change or termination by the legislature. To the extent that the provisions of the cash-basis and budget laws conflict with this subsection in such a manner as to prevent the intention of this subsection from being made effective, the provisions of this subsection shall control. This provision is subject to the provisions of subsection (d).

(10) To enter into lease agreements as lessor of any property, whether real, personal, or mixed, which is owned or controlled by the community college. Any such agreement may specify the purposes for which the property may be used, require that the property be maintained and operated by the lessee, and may contain such

restrictions or limitations on the use of the property, be entered into for such period of time, and include such other terms and conditions as the board of trustees determines to be necessary and proper. Every such agreement shall be subject to change or termination at any time by the legislature. Any assignment of rights under any such agreement shall be subject to approval by the board of trustees and shall contain a citation of this section and a recitation that the lease agreement and assignment of rights thereunder are subject to change or termination by the legislature.

(11) To determine that any property owned by the college is no longer necessary for college purposes and to dispose of the same in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as provided by law.

(12) To exercise the right of eminent domain, pursuant to chapter 26 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

(13) To make and promulgate such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of law or with rules and regulations of the state board of regents, that are necessary and proper for the administration and operation of the community college, and for the conduct of the business of the board of trustees.

(14) To exercise all other powers not inconsistent with the provisions of law or with the rules and regulations of the state board of regents which may be reasonably necessary or incidental to the establishment, maintenance and operation of a community college.

(15) To appoint a member to fill any vacancy on the board of trustees for the balance of the unexpired term. When a vacancy occurs, the board shall publish a notice one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the community college district stating that the vacancy has occurred and that it will be filled by appointment by the board not sooner than 15 days after such publication.

(16) To contract with one or more agencies, either public or private, whether located within or outside the community college district or whether located within or outside the state of Kansas for the conduct by any such agencies of education for students of the community college, and to provide for the payment to any such agencies for their contracted educational services from any funds or moneys of the community college, including funds or moneys received from student tuition and fees, funds received from the state of Kansas or the United States for education, or taxes collected under K.S.A. 71-204, and amendments thereto. Any contract made under this subsection with an institution of another state shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 71-202, and amendments thereto.

(17) To authorize by resolution the establishment of a petty cash fund in an amount not to exceed \$1,000, and to designate in such resolution an employee to maintain such petty cash fund. The employee designated in any resolution provided for in this subsection receiving such funds shall keep a record of all receipts and expenditures from the fund, and shall from time to time, and at the end of the fiscal year, prepare a statement for the board showing all receipts, expenditures, and the balance in the petty cash fund. The board of trustees may authorize the employee designated to maintain any petty cash fund to make a claim for replenishment of the fund to its original amount in advance of approval by the board of trustees if, at any time during the period between regular monthly meetings of the board of trustees, the balance remaining in the fund is insufficient to make needed expenditures for any purpose for which the petty cash fund is maintained. No petty cash fund may be replenished more than one time during each period between regular monthly meetings of the board of trustees. If a petty cash fund is replenished prior to the end of the fiscal year in accordance with the foregoing authorization, the employee authorized to maintain the petty cash fund shall keep an accurate record of all expenditures made therefrom, and the purpose therefor, and shall submit the record to the board of trustees at the next regular monthly meeting thereof. The petty cash fund shall be replenished by payment from the appropriate funds of the community college to the petty cash fund upon proper claim. The fund shall be kept separate from all other funds and shall be used only for authorized expenditures and itemized receipts shall be taken for each expenditure. No part of such fund may be loaned or advanced against the salary of an employee. All employees entrusted with such funds under this subsection shall be bonded by the community college district.

(c) Subject to the provisions of subsection (d), the board of trustees may purchase or otherwise acquire land or land and improvements and may acquire, construct, reconstruct, repair or remodel improvements thereon or additions thereto, including furnishings, equipment, and architectural and incidental expense related thereto, and for such purposes the board of trustees is authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds, the cumulative total not to exceed the following amounts: Where the community college district has a taxable tangible valuation of less than \$90,000,000 or is located in a county designated as urban under the provisions of K.S.A. 19-3524, and amendments thereto, not to exceed 5% of the taxable tangible property of the community college district, and where the community college district has a taxable tangible valuation of more than \$90,000,000 not to exceed 3% except as provided above for any community college district located in a county designated as urban under the provisions of K.S.A. 19-3524, and amendments thereto, of the taxable tangible property of the community college district. If any increase in the valuation of a community college district results in an outstanding bonded indebtedness in excess of that provided in this subsection, such increase shall not constitute a violation of this subsection. No such bonds shall be issued until the question of their issuance shall have been submitted to a vote of the electors of the community college district at a regular election or at a special election called for that purpose and the majority of the electors voting on the proposition in such community college district shall have voted in favor of the issuance of the bonds. Such election shall be called, noticed and held and the bonds issued, sold, delivered and retired in accordance with the provisions of the general bond law except as herein otherwise expressly provided.

(d) (1) Except as provided in K.S.A. 74-32,433, and amendments thereto, the board of trustees of a community college may purchase or otherwise acquire land or land and improvements within: (A) The community college district; or (B) the service area of the community college. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed or operate in any manner to require a board of trustees to sell, convey or otherwise dispose of land or land and improvements located outside the community college district or the service area of the community college and owned or being acquired by the community college on the effective date of this act.

(2) For the purposes of this subsection, "service area" means a designated geographic area of the state established pursuant to agreement of the presidents of the community colleges and adopted in policy by the state board of regents.

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