



CHAPTER 115D
ARTICLE 2 - LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

N.C.G.S. § 115D-20.

Powers and duties of trustees.

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The trustees of each institution shall constitute the local administrative board of such institution, with such powers and duties as are provided in this Chapter and as are delegated to it by the State Board of Community Colleges. The powers and duties of trustees shall include the following:

To elect a president or chief administrative officer of the institution for such term and under such conditions as the trustees may fix. If the board of trustees chooses to use a search consultant to assist with the election process, the board of trustees shall select the search consultant through a competitive request for proposals process. A search consultant selected pursuant to this subdivision who is collecting a fee for the consultant's services shall not be (i) an employee of a State agency, department, or institution, an appointed member of a State commission or board, or an elected official whose responsibilities include oversight or budgetary aspects of the Community Colleges System, (ii) a lobbyist or lobbyist principal as defined in G.S. 120C-100, or (iii) a State-level community college board of trustees association or organization. A contract with a search consultant pursuant to this subdivision shall not be subject to Article 3C of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes. The election and reelection of a president or chief administrative officer shall be subject to the approval of the State Board of Community Colleges.

To elect or employ all other personnel of the institution upon nomination by the president or chief administrative officer, subject to standards established by the State Board of Community Colleges. Trustees may delegate the authority of employing such other personnel to its president or chief administrative officer.

To purchase any land, easement, or right-of-way which shall be necessary for the proper operation of the institution, upon approval of the State Board of Community Colleges, and if necessary, to acquire land by condemnation in the same manner and under the same procedures as provided in General Statutes Chapter 40A. For the purpose of condemnation, the determination by the trustees as to the location and amount of land to be taken and the necessity therefor shall be conclusive.

To apply the standards and requirements for admission and graduation of students and other standards established by the State Board of Community Colleges.

To receive and accept donations, gifts, devises, and the like from private donors and to apply them or invest any of them and apply the proceeds for purposes and upon the terms which the donor may prescribe and which are consistent with the provisions of this Chapter and the regulations of the State Board of Community Colleges.

To provide all or part of the instructional services for the institution by contracting with other public or private organizations or institutions in accordance with regulations and standards adopted by the State Board of Community Colleges.

To perform such other acts and do such other things as may be necessary or proper for the exercise of the foregoing specific powers, including the adoption and enforcement of all reasonable rules, regulations, and bylaws for the government and operation of the institution under this Chapter and for the discipline of students.

If a board of trustees of an institution provides access to its buildings and campus and the student information directory to persons or groups which make students aware of occupational or educational options, the board of trustees shall provide access on the same basis to official recruiting representatives of the military forces of the State and of the United States for the purpose of informing students of educational and career opportunities available in the military.

To encourage the establishment of private, nonprofit corporations to support the institution. The president, with approval of the board of trustees, may assign employees to assist with the establishment and operation of such corporation and may make available to the corporation office space, equipment, supplies and other related resources; provided, the sole purpose of the corporation is to support the institution. The board of directors of each private, nonprofit corporation shall secure and pay for the services of the State Auditor's Office or employ a certified public accountant to conduct an annual audit of the financial accounts of the corporation. The board of directors shall transmit to the board of trustees a copy of the annual financial audit report of the private nonprofit corporation.

To enter into guaranteed energy savings contracts pursuant to Part 2 of Article 3B of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes.

To enter into loan agreements under the Energy Improvement Loan Program pursuant to Part 3 of Article 36 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes.

To enter into lease purchase and installment purchase contracts for equipment and real property under G.S. 115D-58.15.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Chapter, a community college may permit the use of its personnel or facilities, in support of or by a private business enterprise located on a community college campus or in the

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03	1979	c. 896, s. 13	AMENDED
04	1979	2nd Sess., c. 1130, s. 1	AMENDED
05	1981	c. 901, s. 2	AMENDED
06	1983	c. 378, s. 1	AMENDED
07	1983	c. 596, s. 1	AMENDED
08	1985	c. 191	AMENDED
09	1987	c. 383, s. 2	AMENDED
10	1987	1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 775, s. 7	AMENDED
11	1998	S.L. 1998-111, s. 1	AMENDED
12	2001	S.L. 2001-368, s. 2	AMENDED
13	2003	S.L. 2003-286, s. 1	AMENDED
14	2005	S.L. 2005-247, s. 2	AMENDED
15	2006	S.L. 2006-259, s. 21	AMENDED
16	2007	S.L. 2007-476, s. 1	AMENDED
17	2008	S.L. 2008-203, s. 2	AMENDED
18	2009	S.L. 2009-119, s. 1	AMENDED
19	2011	S.L. 2011-145, s. 7.1A(h)	AMENDED
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24	2013	S.L. 2013-360, s. 10.9(a)	AMENDED
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26	2017	S.L. 2017-6, s. 3	AMENDED
27	2017	S.L. 2017-57, ss. 9.7(a), 9.10(b)	AMENDED
28	2018	S.L. 2018-146, ss. 3.1(a), (b), 6.1	AMENDED
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30	2022	S.L. 2022-69, s. 1(a)	AMENDED
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32	2023	S.L. 2023-63, s. 5(f)	AMENDED
33	2023	S.L. 2023-134, s. 6.10(d)	AMENDED
34	2025	S.L. 2025-46, s. 3(a)	AMENDED
35	2025	S.L. 2025-56, s. 1(b)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
5 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 120C-100, or (iii)	(null)(1)	"or lobbyist principal as defined in"
G.S. 115D-58.15	(null)(11)	"for equipment and real property under"
G.S. 66-58(c)(3a)	(null)(12)	"the specific purposes set out in"
G.S. 66-58(c)(3d)	(null)(12)	"set out in G.S. 66-58(c)(3a) and"
G.S. 143-341(3)		"g. The provisions of"

APPARATUS III

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