



# Bevill State Community College

*SACS Reaffirmation of Accreditation Compliance Certification*

## ***Core Requirement 2.2***

The institution has a governing board of at least five members that is the legal body with specific authority over the institution. The board is an active, policy-making body for the institution and is ultimately responsible for ensuring that the financial resources of the institution are adequate to provide a sound educational program. The board is not controlled by a minority of board members or by organizations or interests separate from it. Both the presiding officer of the board and a majority of other voting members of the board are free of any contractual, employment, or personal or familial financial interest in the institution.

A military institution authorized and operated by the federal government to award degrees has a public board on which both the presiding officer and a majority of the other members are neither civilian employees of the military nor active/retired military. The board has broad and significant influence upon the institution's programs and operations, plays an active role in policy-making, and ensures that the financial resources of the institution are used to provide a sound educational program. The board is not controlled by a minority of board members or by organizations or interests separate from the board except as specified by the authorizing legislation. Both the presiding officer of the board and a majority of other voting board members are free of any contractual, employment, or personal or familial financial interest in the institution. **(Governing Board)**

## ***Judgment of Compliance:***

**Compliance**       **Partial Compliance**       **Non-Compliance**

## ***Rationale for Judgment of Compliance:***

Bevill State Community College, like all other public two-year colleges in the state, is governed by The Alabama State Board of Education, which has eight [members](#), with the Governor serving *ex officio*. The composition, election, and terms of office are clearly spelled out in the [Code of Alabama 16-3-1](#):

The State Board of Education shall be composed of the Governor as an *ex officio* member and eight members elected from districts provided by general law. Members of the board shall serve for terms of four years each, and the member from each district shall be elected by the qualified electors of the district at the general election immediately preceding the expiration of the term of office of the member, as designated by the board, representing such district on the board and

every four years thereafter. Each member shall hold office from the first Monday after the second Tuesday in January next after his or her election and until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

As stated in the [Code of Alabama 16-3-2](#), the Governor is the president of the Board, and each year he/she appoints a vice president. The [minutes](#) of the meetings illustrate that the Board meets monthly and publishes its [schedule](#) of upcoming meetings.

The State Board has specific authority over Beville State and is an active, policy-making body. As described in [Policy 101.01](#), the Alabama State Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Chancellor, has duties and responsibilities to:

- Make rules and regulations for governing the Alabama Community College System
- Prescribe the courses of study and the requirements for granting certificates, diplomas, and/or degrees
- Appoint the president of each college to serve at the pleasure of the Alabama State Board of Education
- Direct and supervise the expenditure of appropriations for each college
- Prescribe qualifications and establish a salary schedule and tenure requirements for faculty
- Accept gifts, donations, and devises and bequests of money and real and personal property for the benefit of the colleges
- Promote interest in the colleges among the citizens of Alabama.

Points four and five of the above list pertain to the financial responsibility of the Board with respect to the College. That issue is furthered addressed in the State Board of Education [Policy 301.01](#): “Each institution shall operate within available resources and shall maintain adequate operational balances as defined by the Chancellor and reported to the State Board of Education to ensure the financial stability of the institution.” [Policy 304.01](#) details the process for submitting a budget to the Board for approval, while noting that each college in the system will undergo an annual audit by the Examiners of Public Accounts. Additional financial details are provided in the specific provisions of the policy.

As stated in the [Code of Alabama 16-3-3](#), the presiding officer of the Alabama State Board of Education is the Governor of Alabama, an elected position. The Governor has no contractual, employment, or personal/familial interest in Beville State Community College. To be eligible for election to the Alabama State Board of Education, a candidate cannot be an employee of the College or have been engaged as a professional educator (instructor, president, or other person engaged in an administrative capacity) within five years preceding the next date of election. Elected members to the Alabama State Board of Education are isolated from any interest in the institution. Moreover, [Board policy](#) “strongly discourages” any gift of value to its members, clearly an indication that the state of Alabama wants to make sure the governing board is ethically beyond reproach.

***References and Supporting Documentation:***

<b>Keyword(s)</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Members	List of the Members for the Alabama State Board of Education <a href="http://accs.cc/BoardMembers.aspx">accs.cc/BoardMembers.aspx</a>
Code of Alabama 16-3-1	Code of Alabama: 16-3-1 Composition; Election; Term of Office
Code of Alabama 16-3-2	Code of Alabama: 16-3-2 Officers
Minutes	List of Minutes for the Alabama State Board of Education <a href="http://accs.cc/BoardMinutes.aspx">accs.cc/BoardMinutes.aspx</a>
Schedule	Meeting Schedule for the Alabama State Board of Education <a href="http://accs.cc/Schedule.aspx">accs.cc/Schedule.aspx</a>
Policy 101.01	State Board Policy: 101.01 State Board of Education: Governance Responsibility
Policy 301.01	State Board Policy: 301.01 Financial Management
Policy 304.01	State Board Policy: 304.01 Financial Reporting
Code of Alabama 16-3-3	Code of Alabama: 16-3-3 Qualifications of Members
Board policy	State Board Policy: 111.01 Chancellor: Institutional Gifts to Board Members, Officers, and Directors