

Dear AGB Member Board Professional:

I write to ask you a few questions about your governing board, whether it has an Executive Committee, and how this committee is used. AGB has noted renewed interest in the role of the Executive Committee and we plan to issue a short publication addressing its use, including data on current practices.

Please answer a few brief questions about the Executive Committee, even if your board does not have one. There is just one survey per institution and it has been sent to you. The survey is short, confidential, and will take only a few minutes to complete. Please reply before March 12. Your response is greatly appreciated and will be of interest and value to other members.

Please check "done" at the end to submit your survey.

Thank you,

Richard D. Legon
President
Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges

1. Please describe your institution. Check Control (Public System, Public Single Institution or Private College or University) AND Type (Two-Year, Four-Year or Other):

- Public System
- Public, Single Institution
- Private College or University
- AND Two-Year
- AND Four-Year
- AND Other (please specify)

2. How many voting members currently serve on your institution's governing board?

- 1-8
- 9-16
- 17-24
- 25-32
- 33-40
- 41-48
- 49 or more

Comments:

3. How many meetings of the full governing board are typically scheduled each year?

- 1-3
- 4-6
- 7-9
- 9-12
- More than 12
- Other (please specify)

* 4. Does your board have an executive Committee?

jn yes. If "yes", please continue.

jn no. If "no", thank you for participating in this survey. Please skip to the end and check "done" to submit your responses.

5. How many meetings of the Executive Committee were held during the past 12 months?

- 0
- 1-3
- 4-6
- 7-9
- 10-12
- More than 12

6. How many board members serve on the Executive Committee?

7. Please indicate the members of the Executive Committee (check all that apply):

- Chair of the Board
- Chairs of all Board standing committees
- At-large members of the board
- Institution Chief Executive
- Other (please specify)

8. The primary responsibilities of the Executive Committee include which of the following (check all that apply):

- Coordinates the work of the full board
- Meets to address special issues or emergency situations
- Approves large purchases or agreements between board meetings
- Presidential Compensation
- Presidential Assessment
- Strategic Planning Oversight
- Other (please specify)

9. Which statement do you think best describes the relationship between the board and the executive committee at your institution?

The Executive Committee is hardly ever used.

The Executive Committee meets infrequently or only for special purposes.

The Executive Committee meets regularly between board meetings to take care of board business.

The Executive Committee meets more often than the full board.

The Executive Committee is the primary decision making body of the board; the full board is not fully engaged or too large for detailed work.

Other (please specify)

10. Comments about the Executive Committee:

On behalf of AGB, thank you for completing this survey

Your answers to this survey are confidential. Thank you for your input. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Merrill Schwartz, Director of Special Projects, Association of Governing Boards, 202.776.0822 or merrills@agb.org.