



# GOV 01 Purpose of the Board

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## 1.0 Scope

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The purpose of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library Board is to govern the affairs of the public library in service to the community. This policy sets out the work of the Board and the ways in which the Board achieves its purpose.

## 2.0 Oversight and Governance

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The Library Board oversees the development of a comprehensive and efficient public library service by:

- expressing the library’s philosophy and values;
- articulating the library’s vision, mission and priorities;
- setting policies on governance and service;
- delegating authority to the CEO;
- providing direction to the CEO through Board motions, policies, and plans;
- planning for further library development;
- securing the financial resources to achieve the intended results; and
- advocating for library service.

The Board governs effectively by:

- working proactively and making decisions that focus on the library’s future and place in the community by representing the interests of the community;
- working effectively as a team;
- working collaboratively with the Library CEO;
- engaging the community in determining responsive and dynamic library service;
- behaving with integrity;

- holding all meetings public unless closed for a special purpose within the framework of Section 16.1 of the *Public Libraries Act*;
- working proactively and making decisions that focus on the library's future and place in the community; and
- evaluating the Board's performance.