

Board Meetings (Interaction and Dynamics)

Board members are generally pleased with how Board meetings are conducted. Of the nine items under this theme, Board members were in one hundred percent agreement with four: Board meeting agendas and conduct effectively meet the purposes of Board meetings; the collective demeanor of the Board is poised and professional; Board members are able to disagree without being disagreeable; and the Board maintains confidentiality of privileged information. Board members *frequently agree* with all other items under this theme. The standard deviation for the item *the Board welcomes participation by members of the community at appropriate times designated on the agenda* is 0.79. This indicates a slight difference in opinion among respondents.

Board Responsibilities

Of the twelve items under this theme, Board members were in one hundred percent agreement with the following six items: the Board conducts periodic reviews of its own policies; new members receive orientation to Board roles and responsibilities; the Board consistently follows its own Board ethics policy; the Board focuses on ends in making policy and leaves the implementation to the President; the Board clearly understands its policy role and differentiates its role from that of the CEO and College employees; and the Board understands and fulfills its roles and responsibilities. Not all Board members responded to two items related to this theme. Although respondents reported that the Board *very frequently* provides formal orientation to new members as soon as possible after they have been sworn in as Trustees (mean 5.57, s.d. 0.79) and the Board *very frequently* plans with the President how to best develop and maintain relationships with local, state, and federal legislators for the benefit of the College (mean 5.71,