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Governance Process	Board Committee Principles
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## **2E. Board Committee Principles**

Board committees, when used, will be assigned so as to maximize the effectiveness of the wholeness of the Board's job and so as never to interfere with delegation from Board to Chief Executive Officer.

1. Board committees are to help the Board do its job. Committees ordinarily will assist the Board by preparing policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation. Board committees are not to be created by the Board to advise staff.
2. Board committees may not speak or act for the Board except when formally given such authority for specific and time-limited purposes. Expectations and authority will be carefully stated as Terms of Reference in order not to conflict with authority delegated to the Chief Executive Officer.
3. Board committees cannot exercise authority over staff because the Chief Executive Officer works for the full Board. He or she will not be required to obtain approval of a Board committee before an executive action. In keeping with the Board's broader focus, Board committees will normally not have direct dealings with current staff operations.
4. This policy applies to any group that is formed by Board action, whether or not it is called a committee and regardless of whether the group includes Board members. It does not apply to committees formed under the authority of the Chief Executive Officer.