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Board Policy Manual

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**POLICY TYPE: ENDS**

**POLICY 1.0**

**POLICY TITLE: GLOBAL ENDS**

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*JEA exists to provide clean, safe, reliable, and reasonably priced electric, water and sewer services to the citizens of Jacksonville and portions of surrounding counties while remaining environmentally sound and financially strong while providing revenue for the City of Jacksonville.*

- 1.1 **Quality of Electric Service:** Provide clean, safe and reliable electric service to all prescribed consumers.
- 1.2 **Quality of Water Service:** Provide clean, safe and reliable water service to all prescribed consumers.
- 1.3 **Quality of Sewer Services:** Provide clean, safe and reliable sewer services to all prescribed consumers.
- 1.4 **Cost of Service:** Provide all utility services at a reasonable and accurate cost.
- 1.5 **Environmentally Sound:** Provide all utility services in a manner that is environmentally sound and sustainable.
- 1.6 **Informative Communication:** Effectively communicate with consumers and other stakeholders.

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**POLICY TYPE: ENDS**

**POLICY 1.1**

**POLICY TITLE: *QUALITY OF ELECTRIC SERVICE***

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*Provide clean, safe and reliable electric service to all prescribed consumers.*

- 1.1.1 Annually update an Electric Integrated Resource Supply Plan (IRP) to ensure consumers' future electricity supply needs are met at the lowest evaluated total lifecycle cost while maintaining fuel diversity.
  - a. Develop resources or agreements to ensure that JEA's electric energy supply is 10% nuclear by 2017.
- 1.1.2 Minimize the frequency of electric distribution system outages and report status through the System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI-2).
- 1.1.3 Minimize the frequency of electric distribution system voltage sags and report status through the System Average Root Mean Square Frequency Index (SARFI-80).
- 1.1.4 Minimize the duration of electric distribution system outages and report status through the System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI).

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**POLICY TYPE: ENDS**

**POLICY 1.2**

**POLICY TITLE: *QUALITY OF WATER SERVICE***

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*Provide clean, safe and reliable water service to all prescribed consumers.*

- 1.2.1 Annually update a Total Water Management Plan (TWMP) to ensure consumers' future water supply needs are met at the lowest evaluated cost while also ensuring water resources are available for future generations.
  - a. The TWMP is to include evaluation of water supply alternatives.
- 1.2.2 Minimize the duration of water distribution system low pressure events and report status of the number of cumulative minutes water pressure drops below 30 pounds per square inch (psi) for all existing water distribution system pressure monitoring points.
- 1.2.3 Conduct water testing in accordance with the standards of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and report testing results to all water consumers and stakeholders.

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**POLICY TYPE: ENDS**

**POLICY 1.3**

**POLICY TITLE: *QUALITY OF SEWER SERVICE***

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*Provide clean, safe and reliable sewer service to all prescribed consumers.*

- 1.3.1 Minimize the frequency of sewer back-ups and overflows and report status by
  - a. the number of Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO's) per 100 miles of existing sewer pipe
  - b. the total number of sewer system cave-ins
- 1.3.2 Limit the total amount of nutrients discharged into the St. John's River from all wastewater treatment facilities.
  - a. Reduce the total nutrient discharge into the St. John's River to meet JEA's Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) allocation.
  - b. Increase the amount of reclaimed water produced and distributed.

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**POLICY TYPE: ENDS**

**POLICY 1.4**

**POLICY TITLE: *COST OF SERVICE***

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*Provide all utility services at a reasonable and accurate cost.*

- 1.4.1 All utility services are to be reasonably priced.
  - a. Pricing for all utility services is to be frequently benchmarked against other state and regional utilities to demonstrate competitiveness.
  - b. Pricing for each utility service for all classes of consumers is to be based on the cost to serve each consumer class. Cost of service studies are to be conducted in no more than five year intervals.
- 1.4.2 Minimize the number of consumer bills that are inaccurate, are estimated due to the lack of a current meter reading, or are untimely. The expectation is 99.9% accurate and timely.

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**POLICY TYPE: ENDS**

**POLICY 1.5**

**POLICY TITLE: ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND**

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*Provide all utility services in a manner that is environmentally sound and sustainable.*

- 1.5.1 The CEO is expected to comply with all existing environmental regulations that apply.
- 1.5.2 Conservation: Pursue all options to communicate and incentivize customer conservation and efficiency while avoiding excessive customer cost.
  - a. Electric System: Establish an electric conservation fund by collecting an additional one cent per kwh for every kwh over 2750 on monthly residential consumption and by allocating 50 cents per mwh of base rate revenues (a total of approximately 0.5% of electric gross revenues.) The funds are to be spent for customer conservation initiatives and incentives only.
- 1.5.3 Renewable Energy Supply: Explore all options for renewable electric energy supply while avoiding excessive customer cost since a state or federal Renewable Electricity Standard (RES) is yet to be established and the timing for setting a standard remains uncertain.

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**POLICY TYPE: ENDS**

**POLICY 1.6**

**POLICY TITLE: INFORMATIVE COMMUNICATION**

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*Effectively communicate with consumers and other stakeholders.*

- 1.6.1 To influence consumer paradigms of utility expectations.
- 1.6.2 To influence public dialogue on local, state and national energy and water and sewer issues.
- 1.6.3 To inform consumers of as well as the reasons for significant potential or pending changes to utility services or charges.
- 1.6.4 To inform consumers of conservation incentives and other activities that if implemented would reduce their consumption and, therefore, result in higher or lower utility cost than if the incentives or activities were not employed.

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### **POLICY TYPE: EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS**

#### **POLICY 2.0**

#### **POLICY TITLE: *GENERAL EXECUTIVE CONSTRAINT***

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*The CEO shall not cause or allow any organizational practice, activity, decision, or circumstance that is either unlawful, imprudent, or in violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics and practices.*

- 2.1 **Treatment of Consumers:** With respect to interactions with consumers or those applying to be consumers, the CEO shall not cause or allow conditions, procedures, or decisions that are unsafe, untimely, undignified, or unnecessarily intrusive.
- 2.2 **Treatment of Staff:** With respect to the treatment of staff, the CEO may not cause or allow conditions that are unfair, unsafe, undignified, disorganized, or unclear.
- 2.3 **Financial Planning/Budgeting:** The CEO shall not cause or allow financial planning for any fiscal year or the remaining part of any fiscal year to deviate materially from the Board's Ends priorities, risk financial jeopardy, or fail to be derived from a multiyear plan.
- 2.4 **Financial Condition and Activities:** With respect to the actual, ongoing financial conditions and activities, the CEO shall not cause or allow the development of financial jeopardy or material deviation of actual expenditures from Board priorities established in Ends policies.
- 2.5 **Workforce Readiness and Succession Planning:** The CEO shall not allow the workforce to be unprepared to meet current or future business demands.
- 2.6 **Asset Protection:** The CEO shall not cause or allow corporate assets to be unprotected, inadequately maintained, or unnecessarily risked.
- 2.7 **Compensation and Benefits:** With respect to employment, compensation, and benefits to employees, consultants, contract workers, and volunteers, the CEO shall not cause or allow jeopardy to financial integrity or to public image.
- 2.8 **Communication and Support to Board:** The CEO shall not cause or allow the Board to be uninformed or unsupported in its work.
- 2.9 **Regulatory/Legislative Requirements:** The CEO will not fail to effect regulatory and legislative action favorable to the organization.
- 2.10 **Enterprise Risk Management:** The CEO shall not cause or allow conditions, procedures or decisions which fail to identify, measure, monitor and manage, within established risk tolerances, potential events that may affect achievement of the Ends.
- 2.11 **Procurement Activities:** The CEO shall not fail to develop procurement policies and procedures that adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws and ordinances and provide for increased public confidence in the procurement activities of JEA.

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**POLICY TYPE: EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS**

**POLICY 2.1**

**POLICY TITLE: *TREATMENT OF CONSUMERS***

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*With respect to interactions with consumers or those applying to be consumers, the CEO shall not cause or allow conditions, procedures, or decisions that are unsafe, untimely, undignified, or unnecessarily intrusive.*

Accordingly, the CEO will not:

- 2.1.1 Elicit information for which there is no clear necessity.
- 2.1.2 Use methods of collecting, reviewing, transmitting, or storing client information that fail to protect against improper access.
- 2.1.3 Fail to operate facilities with appropriate accessibility and privacy.
- 2.1.4 Fail to establish with consumers a clear understanding of what may be expected and what may not be expected from service offered.
- 2.1.5 Fail to operate without clearly established and updated Customer Service procedures and published rules and regulations for service.
- 2.1.6 Fail to operate without mechanisms for collecting consumer complaints that provide for resolution at the lowest staff level and also include prompt response when warranted.

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### **POLICY TYPE: EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS**

#### **POLICY 2.2**

#### **POLICY TITLE: *TREATMENT OF STAFF***

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*With respect to the treatment of paid and volunteer staff, the CEO may not cause or allow conditions that are unfair, unsafe, undignified, disorganized, or unclear.*

Accordingly, the CEO will not:

- 2.2.1 Operate without written personnel rules and regulations that
  - a. clarify rules for staff
  - b. provide for effective handling of grievances
  - c. protect against wrongful conditions such as nepotism and grossly preferential treatment for personal reasons.
  - d. allow for volunteerism in the community
  - e. require high ethical standards
  - f. recognize the need for work/life balance
- 2.2.2 Operate without written job descriptions and performance requirements and reviews that
  - a. characterize the nature of work to be performed
  - b. identify technical, behavioral and physical skills required
  - c. identify clear standards of accountability
- 2.2.3 Fail to provide a safe work environment.
- 2.2.4 Fail to identify and provide training necessary to accomplish the quality of work expected.
- 2.2.5 Allow discrimination or retaliation against any staff member for non-disruptive expression of dissent.
- 2.2.6 Fail to acquaint staff with the CEO's interpretation of their protections under this policy.
- 2.2.7 Allow staff to be under prepared to deal with emergency situations.
- 2.2.8 Fail to insure that the company's Core Values are routinely communicated and reinforced to all employees.

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**POLICY TYPE: EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS**

**POLICY 2.3**

**POLICY TITLE: *FINANCIAL PLANNING/BUDGETING***

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*The CEO shall not cause or allow financial planning for any fiscal year or the remaining part of any fiscal year to deviate materially from the Board's Ends priorities, risk financial jeopardy, or fail to be derived from a multiyear plan.*

Accordingly, the CEO will not:

- 2.3.1 Risk incurring those situations or conditions described as unacceptable in the Board policy "Financial Condition and Activities."
- 2.3.2 Fail to include credible projection of revenues and expenses, separation of capital and operational items, cash flow, and disclosure of planning and budgeting assumptions.
- 2.3.3 Fail to identify the source for capital expenditures (e.g. internally generated cash, new debt, carry over funds from previous fiscal year).
- 2.3.4 Fail to adhere to approved tariff rates and fees.
- 2.3.5 Fail to set and follow an annual budgeting process that results in a final budget submittal to City Council by July 1 proceeding the budgeted fiscal year.
- 2.3.6 Provide less for Board prerogatives during the year than is set forth in the "Cost of Governance" policy.

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### **POLICY TYPE: EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS**

#### **POLICY 2.4**

#### **POLICY TITLE: *FINANCIAL CONDITION AND ACTIVITIES***

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*With respect to the actual, ongoing financial conditions and activities, the CEO shall not cause or allow the development of financial jeopardy or material deviation of actual expenditures from Board priorities established in Ends policies.*

Accordingly, the CEO will not:

- 2.4.1 Fail to operate within the budget established for the fiscal year.
- 2.4.2 Make budget transfers in excess of \$5,000,000 without Board approval.
- 2.4.3 Fail to inform the Board in monitoring reports when reserves are required to meet current expenditures.
- 2.4.4 Fail to maintain financial and accounting separation between electric, water and wastewater, and District Energy funds as required by regulatory agencies and bond covenants.
- 2.4.5 Fail to operate within established financial parameters nor fail to engage the board when established parameters are considered inadequate to affect a desired bond rating.

Current financial parameters:

- a. Debt Service Coverage
  - b. Fixed Charge coverage
  - c. Cash on Hand
  - d. Working Capital
  - e. Line of Credit
  - f. Fuel Rate Reserve
- 2.4.6 Operate in violation of JEA's Debt Management Policies.
  - 2.4.7 Fail to settle payroll and debts in a timely manner.
  - 2.4.8 Allow tax payments or other government-ordered payments or filings to be overdue or inaccurately filed.
  - 2.4.9 Fail to establish reasonable security measures to protect against loss of receivables.
  - 2.4.10 Fail to aggressively pursue receivables after a reasonable grace period.

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**POLICY TYPE: EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS**

**POLICY 2.5**

**POLICY TITLE: *WORKFORCE READINESS AND SUCCESSION PLANNING***

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*The CEO shall not allow the workforce to be unprepared to meet current or future business demands.*

Accordingly, the CEO will not

- 2.5.1 Permit there to be fewer than two other executives sufficiently familiar with Board and CEO issues and processes to enable either to take over with reasonable proficiency as an interim successor to protect the Board from sudden loss of CEO services.
- 2.5.2 Fail to prepare for long term CEO succession.
- 2.5.3 Fail to prepare for Executive Team succession.
- 2.5.4 Operate without strategic and tactical plans to have and maintain the right people, in the right place, with the right talent, skills and knowledge.
- 2.5.5 Fail to develop a workforce that recognizes the value of cultural diversity in internal operations and in serving customers.

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### **POLICY TYPE: EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS**

#### **POLICY 2.6**

#### **POLICY TITLE: *ASSET PROTECTION***

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*The CEO shall not cause or allow corporate assets to be unprotected, inadequately maintained, or unnecessarily risked.*

Accordingly, the CEO will not:

- 2.6.1 Fail to insure adequately against theft and casualty and against liability and losses to Board members, staff, and the organization itself.
- 2.6.2 Allow unbonded personnel access to material amounts of funds.
- 2.6.3 Subject facilities and equipment to improper wear and tear or insufficient maintenance.
- 2.6.4 Unnecessarily expose the organization, the Board, or its staff to claims of liability.
- 2.6.5 Operate without written claims policies that address fair treatment of claimants, legal liability, ratepayer costs and sound business practices.
- 2.6.6 Fail to protect corporate assets including, but not limited to, property rights, corporate image, physical assets, intangible assets, intellectual property, information, and files from loss or significant damage.
- 2.6.7 Receive, process, or disburse funds without sufficient controls.
- 2.6.8 Invest funds in violation of JEA's Investment Policies.
- 2.6.9 Fail to ensure that all employees and outsourced contract service providers understand their responsibility to comply with all applicable laws and regulations and JEA's Code of Ethics.

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### **POLICY TYPE: EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS**

#### **POLICY 2.7**

#### **POLICY TITLE: COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS**

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*With respect to employment, compensation, and benefits to employees, consultants, contract workers, and volunteers, the CEO shall not cause or allow jeopardy to financial integrity or to public image.*

Accordingly, the CEO will not:

- 2.7.1 Change the CEO's own compensation and benefits, except as those benefits are consistent with a package for other appointed employees.
- 2.7.2 Promise or imply unconditional permanent or guaranteed employment.
- 2.7.3 ~~Administer compensation and benefits that fail to address individual accountability, motivate and reward for knowledge and skills, encourage organizational flexibility and responsiveness or are inconsistent with the geographic and professional market for the skills employed.~~

Promote a compensation philosophy that is contradictory to JEA's compensation philosophy of providing a total rewards package that encompasses salary/wages, retirement benefits, incentives, and health and welfare benefits. Salary/wages will meet the market (50% percentile), which is where the majority of companies in the geographic area reside. The 50th percentile pays competitively for behavior that meets expectations. Additional consideration will be given to behaviors that exceed expectations which are typically rewarded at the 75th percentile. Internal equity will be achieved by evaluating differences in skill, effort, responsibility, and working conditions among jobs

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### **POLICY TYPE: EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS**

#### **POLICY 2.8**

#### **POLICY TITLE: *COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT TO BOARD***

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*The CEO shall not cause or allow the Board to be uninformed or unsupported in its work.*

Accordingly, the CEO will not:

- 2.8.1 Neglect to submit monitoring data required by the Board in Board-Management Delegation policy "Monitoring CEO Performance" in a timely, accurate, and understandable fashion, directly addressing provisions of Board policies being monitored, and including CEO interpretations consistent with Board-Management Delegation policy "Delegation to the CEO," as well as relevant data.
- 2.8.2 Allow the Board to be unaware of any actual or anticipated noncompliance with any Ends or Executive Limitations policy of the Board regardless of the Board's monitoring schedule.
- 2.8.3 Allow the Board to be without decision information required periodically by the Board or let the Board be unaware of relevant trends.
- 2.8.4 Let the Board be unaware of any significant incidental information it requires including anticipated media coverage, threatened or pending lawsuits, and material internal and external changes.
- 2.8.5 Allow the Board to be unaware that, in the CEO's opinion, the Board is not in compliance with its own policies on Governance Process and Board-Management Delegation, particularly in the case of Board behavior that is detrimental to the work relationship between the Board and the CEO.
- 2.8.6 Present information in unnecessarily complex or lengthy form or in a form that fails to differentiate among information of three types: monitoring, decision preparation, and other.
- 2.8.7 Allow the Board to be without a workable mechanism for official Board, officer, or committee communications.
- 2.8.8 Deal with the Board in a way that favors or privileges certain Board members over others, except when (a) fulfilling individual requests for information or (b) responding to officers or committees duly charged by the Board.
- 2.8.9 Fail to submit to the Board a consent agenda containing items delegated to the CEO yet required by law, regulation, or contract to be Board-approved, along with applicable monitoring information.
- 2.8.10 Fail to provide a process to retain relevant background information on previous Board policy decisions.

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**POLICY TYPE: EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS**

**POLICY 2.9**

**POLICY TITLE: *REGULATORY/LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS***

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*The CEO will not fail to effect regulatory and legislative action favorable to the organization.*

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**POLICY TYPE: EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS**

**POLICY 2.10**

**POLICY TITLE: *ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT***

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*The CEO shall not cause or allow conditions, procedures or decisions which fail to identify, measure, monitor and manage, within established risk tolerances, potential events that may affect achievement of the Ends.*

Accordingly, the CEO will not

- 2.10.1 Fail to establish and maintain a written Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Plan and an ERM program that includes management-level policies, procedures and process controls to help ensure that the enterprise-wide business risk exposures are properly identified, managed and, when appropriate, reported to the Board.

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**POLICY TYPE: EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS**

**POLICY 2.11**

**POLICY TITLE: *PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES***

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*The CEO shall not fail to develop procurement policies and procedures that adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws and ordinances and provide for increased public confidence in the procurement activities of JEA.*

Accordingly, the CEO will not

- 2.11.1 Fail to develop and disseminate simple, clear and up-to-date rules for all procurement.
- 2.11.2 Fail to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of all persons who deal with the JEA procurement system.
- 2.11.3 Fail to provide increased economy in all procurement activities and to maximize to the fullest extent practicable the purchasing value of JEA funds.
- 2.11.4 Fail to foster effective, broad-based competition within the free enterprise system
- 2.11.5 Fail to provide safeguards for the maintenance of the procurement system quality and integrity.
- 2.11.6 Fail to provide a clear and timely administrative remedy process to all those aggrieved during any phase of the procurement process.
- 2.11.7 Fail to provide effective access for Small and Emerging Local Businesses

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### **POLICY TYPE: BOARD MANAGEMENT DELEGATION**

#### **POLICY 3.0**

#### **POLICY TITLE: GLOBAL BOARD-MANAGEMENT DELEGATION**

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*The Board's sole official connection to the operational organization, its achievements, and conduct will be through a chief executive officer titled Managing Director / CEO, referred to within this document simply as CEO.*

- 3.1 **Unity of Control:** Only officially passed motions of the Board are binding on the CEO.
- 3.2 **Accountability of the CEO:** The CEO is the Board's only link to operational achievement and conduct, so that all authority and accountability of staff, as far as the Board is concerned, is considered the authority and accountability of the CEO.
- 3.3 **Delegation to the CEO:** The Board will instruct the CEO through written policies that prescribe the organizational Ends to be achieved and describe organizational situations and actions to be avoided, allowing the CEO to use any reasonable interpretation of these policies.
- 3.4 **Monitoring CEO Performance:** Systematic monitoring of CEO job performance will be solely against the only expected CEO job achievements: organizational accomplishment of Board policies on Ends and organizational operation within the boundaries established in Board policies on Executive Limitations.
- 3.5 **CEO Remuneration:** Salary and benefits and other terms of employment for the CEO will be determined by contract.
- 3.6 **Core Competencies:** Executive Core Competencies are included in the Appendix.

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**POLICY TYPE: BOARD MANAGEMENT DELEGATION**

**POLICY 3.1**

**POLICY TITLE: *UNITY OF CONTROL***

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*Only officially passed motions of the Board are binding on the CEO.*

Accordingly,

- 3.1.1 Decisions or instructions of individual Board members, officers, or committees are not binding on the CEO.
- 3.1.2 In the case of Board members or committees requesting information or assistance without Board authorization, the CEO can refuse such requests that require, in the CEO's opinion, a material amount of staff time or funds, or are disruptive. The CEO shall promptly inform the Board if requests from Board members or committees are refused.

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**POLICY TYPE: BOARD MANAGEMENT DELEGATION**

**POLICY 3.2**

**POLICY TITLE: ACCOUNTABILITY OF CEO**

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*The CEO is the Board's only link to operational achievement and conduct, so that all authority and accountability of staff, as far as the Board is concerned, is considered the authority and accountability of the CEO.*

Accordingly,

- 3.2.1 The Board as a body and individual board members will never give instructions to persons who report directly or indirectly to the CEO.
- 3.2.2 The Board will not evaluate, either formally or informally, any staff other than the CEO. However, the CEO will discuss his evaluation with the Board of the executives identified as potential interim CEO successors (refer to 2.5.1)
- 3.2.3 The Board will view CEO performance as identical to organizational performance so that organizational accomplishment of Board-stated Ends and avoidance of Board-described means will be viewed as successful CEO performance.

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### **POLICY TYPE: BOARD MANAGEMENT DELEGATION**

#### **POLICY 3.3**

#### **POLICY TITLE: *DELEGATION TO THE CEO***

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*The Board will instruct the CEO through written policies that prescribe the organizational Ends to be achieved and describe organizational situations and actions to be avoided, allowing the CEO to use any reasonable interpretation of these policies.*

Accordingly,

- 3.3.1 The Board will develop policies instructing the CEO to achieve specified results, for specified recipients, at a specified cost. These policies will be developed systematically from the broadest, most general level to more defined levels and will be called Ends policies. All issues that are not ends issues as defined here are means issues.
- 3.3.2 The Board will develop policies that limit the latitude the CEO may exercise in choosing the organizational means. These limiting policies will describe those practices, activities, decisions and circumstances that would be unacceptable to the Board even if they were to be effective. Policies will be developed systematically from the broadest, most general level to more defined levels, and they will be called Executive Limitations policies. The Board will never prescribe organizational means delegated to the CEO.
- 3.3.3 As long as the CEO uses *any reasonable interpretation* of the Board's Ends and Executive Limitations policies, the CEO is authorized to establish all further policies, make all decisions, take all actions, establish all practices, and pursue all activities. Such decisions of the CEO shall have full force and authority as if decided by the Board.
- 3.3.4 The Board may change its Ends and Executive Limitations policies, thereby shifting the boundary between Board and CEO domains. By doing so, the Board changes the latitude of choice given to the CEO. However, as long as any particular delegation is in place, the Board will respect and support the CEO's choices.
- 3.3.5 Should the CEO violate a Board policy, he or she shall promptly inform the Board. Informing is simply to guarantee no violation may be intentionally kept from the Board, not to request approval. Board response, either approving or disapproving, does not exempt the CEO from subsequent Board judgment of the action nor does it curtail any executive decision.

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**POLICY TYPE: BOARD MANAGEMENT DELEGATION**

**POLICY 3.4**

**POLICY TITLE: *MONITORING CEO PERFORMANCE***

*Systematic monitoring of CEO performance will be solely against the only expected CEO job achievements: organizational accomplishment of Board policies on Ends and organizational operation within the boundaries established in Board policies on Executive Limitations.*

Accordingly,

- 3.4.1 Monitoring is simply to determine the degree to which Board policies are being met. Data or information that does not do this will not be considered to be monitoring information.
- 3.4.2 The Board will acquire monitoring information by one or more of these methods:
  - a. By internal report, in which the CEO discloses interpretations and compliance information to the Board.
  - b. By external report, in which an external, disinterested and independent third party selected by the Board assesses compliance with Board policies (e.g. external financial audit).
  - c. By direct Board inspection, in which a designated member or members of the Board assess compliance with the appropriate policy criteria.
- 3.4.3 In every case, the Board will judge (a) the reasonableness of the CEO's interpretation and (b) whether data demonstrate accomplishment of the interpretation.
- 3.4.4 The standard of compliance shall be any reasonable CEO interpretation of the Board policy being monitored. The Board is the final arbiter of reasonableness.
- 3.4.5 All policies that instruct the CEO will be monitored at a frequency and by a method chosen by the Board. The Board can monitor any policy at any time by any method, but will ordinarily depend on a routine schedule:

**[Example of monitoring schedule] – (final schedule will be set after policies are developed)**

Policy	Method	Frequency	Schedule
Ends	Internal	Annually	
Treatment of Customers	Internal	Annually	
Treatment of Staff	Internal	Annually	
Financial Planning/Budgeting	Internal	Quarterly	End of Qtr.
Financial Condition & Activities	Internal External	Quarterly Annually	End of Qtr. Close of Yr.
Asset Protection	Internal	Annually	
Emergency CEO Succession	Internal	Annually	
Communication and Support to Board	Internal	Annually	

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Compensation and Benefits	Internal	Annually
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In addition to the monitoring reports above, the Board must receive the following information each month. It is understood that this data is supplemental, not monitoring:

Financial Report	Internal	Monthly	End of Month
Operating Report	Internal	Monthly	End of Month

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**POLICY TYPE: BOARD MANAGEMENT DELEGATION**

**POLICY 3.5**

**POLICY TITLE: *CEO REMUNERATION***

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*Salary and benefits and others terms of employment for the CEO will be determined by contract.*

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### **POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS**

#### **POLICY 4.0**

#### **POLICY TITLE: GLOBAL GOVERNANCE PROCESS**

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*The purpose of the Board, on behalf of the owners of JEA, the citizens of Duval County, is to see to it that JEA (a) achieves appropriate results for appropriate persons for an appropriate cost (as specified in Board Ends policies) and (b) avoids unacceptable actions and situations (as prohibited in Board Executive Limitations policies).*

- 4.1 **Governing Style:** The Board will govern in accordance with legal requirements, observing the principles of the Policy Governance model, with an emphasis on (a) outward vision rather than internal preoccupation, (b) encouragement of diversity in viewpoints, (c) strategic leadership more than administrative detail, (d) clear distinction of Board and chief executive roles, (e) collective rather than individual decisions, (f) future more so than past or present, and (g) proactivity rather than reactivity.
- 4.2 **Board Job Description:** Specific responsibilities of the Board as an informed agent of the ownership are those that ensure appropriate organizational performance.
- 4.3 **Agenda Planning:** To accomplish its responsibilities with a governance style consistent with Board policies, the Board will follow an annual agenda that (a) completes a re-exploration of Ends policies at least annually and (b) continually improves Board performance through education and deliberation.
- 4.4 **Board Officers:** Board officers assure the integrity of the Board's process and record's. Board officers are: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary & Assistant Secretary.
- 4.5 **Rules of Order:** Board meetings will be conducted in an orderly and fair process consistent with the requirements of Florida law, Ordinances of the City of Jacksonville, the JEA Charter, Bylaws and these governance policies. Meetings will be led by the Chairman, or, in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, or, in the absence of both, by the Chairman's designee.
- 4.6 **Board Member's Code of Conduct:** The Board commits itself to lawful, ethical and businesslike conduct, following all requirements of Florida Law, Ordinances of the City of Jacksonville, and the JEA Charter including proper use of its authority and appropriate decorum when acting as Board members.
- 4.7 **Board Member's Individual Responsibility:** The leadership success of the Board is a direct result of the individual and collegial participation of its members.
- 4.8 **Board Committee Principles:** Board committees, when used, will be assigned so as to reinforce the wholeness of the Board's job and not to interfere with delegation from the Board to the CEO.
- 4.9 **Board Committee Structure:** A committee is a Board committee only if its existence and charge come from the Board, regardless of whether Board members sit on the committee. The only Board committees are those which are set forth in the Bylaws or in this policy. Unless otherwise stated, a committee ceases to exist as soon as its task is complete. The CEO will attend meetings of each committee, but shall not have a vote.
- 4.10 **Cost of Governance:** The Board will invest in continuous improvement of its governance capacity.

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### **POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS**

#### **POLICY 4.1**

#### **POLICY TITLE: GOVERNING STYLE**

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Accordingly,

- 4.1.1 Unique Requirements of Florida Law for Public Boards: In conducting its duties as a Board in Florida, the Board is required to comply with the Florida Sunshine Law, which prohibits any two or more members of the Board from meeting unless the meeting has been properly noticed and conducted in accordance with the legal requirements. In addition, Florida Law contains requirements regarding Public Records, conflicts of interest and voting which must be followed in the conduct of the Board's business.
- 4.1.2 The Board will cultivate a sense of group responsibility and will be a proactive Board versus a reactive Board. The Board, not the staff, will be responsible for excellence in governing. The Board will be the initiator of policy, not merely a reactor to staff initiatives. The Board will use the expertise of individual members to enhance the ability of the Board as a body rather than to substitute the individual judgments for the Board's values.
- 4.1.3 The Board will direct, control, and inspire the organization through the careful establishment of broad written policies reflecting the Board's values and perspectives. The Board's major policy focus will be on the intended long-term impacts outside the staff organization, not on the administrative or programmatic means of attaining those effects.
- 4.1.4 The Board will enforce upon itself whatever discipline is needed to govern with excellence. Discipline will apply to matters such as attendance, preparation for meetings, policymaking principles, respect of roles, and ensuring the continuance of governance capability. Although the Board can change its Governance Process policies at any time, it will diligently observe those currently in force.
- 4.1.5 Continual Board development will include orientation of new Board members in the Board's governance process and periodic Board discussion of governance process improvement.
- 4.1.6 The Board will allow no officer, individual, or committee of the Board to hinder or serve as an excuse for the Board not fulfilling its commitments.
- 4.1.7 Each member of the Board will respect the final determination of the Board concerning any particular matter, regardless of the member's personal position concerning such matter.

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**POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS**

**POLICY 4.2**

**POLICY TITLE: BOARD JOB DESCRIPTION**

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*Specific responsibilities of the Board are those that ensure appropriate organizational performance.*

Accordingly,

- 4.2.1 The Board is the authoritative link between the organization and the ownership.
- 4.2.2 The Board will provide governing policies that realistically address the broadest levels of all organizational decisions and situations:
  - a. Ends: The organizational outcomes to its recipients including the relative worth of such outcomes in cost or priority. (What good for which recipients at what cost)
  - b. Executive Limitations: Constraints on executive authority that establish the prudence and ethics boundaries within which all executive activity and decisions must take place.
  - c. Board-Management Delegation: Specification of how power is delegated and its proper use monitored; clarity on the CEO's role, authority, and accountability.
  - d. Governance Process: Specification of how the Board develops, carries out, and monitors its own responsibilities.
- 4.2.3 The Board will measure the CEO's performance against its Ends and Executive Limitations Policies.
- 4.2.4 The Board will measure its own performance against its Governance Process and Board-Management Delegation Policies quarterly.
- 4.2.5 Board members will respect their fiduciary responsibilities to protect and enhance the value of JEA as a citizen-owned enterprise with due diligence using sound business judgment consistent with JEA's legislative charter.

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**POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS**

**POLICY 4.3**

**POLICY TITLE: AGENDA PLANNING**

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*To accomplish its responsibilities with a governance style consistent with Board policies, the Board will follow an annual agenda that (a) completes a re-exploration of Ends policies at least annually and (b) continually improves Board performance through education and deliberation.*

Accordingly,

- 4.3.1 The Board will establish its annual agenda during an annual retreat to be scheduled around March of each year.
- a. The Board will review and re-establish its Ends policies as often as necessary with review always taking place at least during the annual retreat.
  - b. Consultations with selected groups in the ownership, or other methods of gaining ownership input, will be scheduled as part of the annual agenda.
  - c. Governance education and education related to Ends determination (presentations by futurist, demographers, advocacy groups, staff, etc.) will be scheduled as part of the annual agenda.
- 4.3.2 The agenda for the Board's monthly meeting will be established through consultation with the Chair and the CEO.
- a. The agenda along with supporting item documentation will be made available to Board members seven days prior to monthly Board meetings.
  - b. The Board will attend to consent agenda items as expeditiously as possible.
  - c. A Board member may bring up new business at the appropriate time on the agenda during any meeting, however, if a formal response or presentation is necessary, a request should be made to the CEO no later than two weeks before the Board meeting to allow others on the Board to receive information in advance.
  - d. CEO monitoring will be on the agenda if reports have been received since the previous meeting, if plans must be made for direct inspection monitoring, or if arrangements for third-party monitoring must be prepared.

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### **POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS**

#### **POLICY 4.4**

#### **POLICY TITLE: BOARD OFFICERS**

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*Board officers assure the integrity of the Board's process and record's. Board officers are: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary & Assistant Secretary.*

Accordingly,

4.4.1 The Chairman, a specially empowered member of the Board, ensures the integrity of the Board's process and, secondarily, occasionally represents the Board to outside parties.

a. The Chairman's role is to see that the Board behaves consistently within its own rules and those rules and regulations imposed upon it from outside the organization.

(1) Meeting discussion content will consist of issues that clearly belong to the Board to decide or to monitor according to Board policy.

(2) Information that is neither for monitoring performance nor for Board decisions will be avoided or minimized and always noted as such.

(3) Deliberation will be fair, open, and thorough but also timely, orderly, and kept to the point.

b. The authority of the Chairman consists in making decisions that fall within topics covered by Board policies on Governance Process and Board-Management Delegation, with the exception of (a) employment or termination of the CEO and (b) areas where the Board specifically delegates portions of this authority to others. The Chairman is authorized to use any reasonable interpretation of provisions in these policies.

(1) The Chairman is empowered to chair Board meetings with all the commonly accepted powers of that position, such as ruling and recognizing.

(2) The Chairman has no authority to make decisions about policies created by the Board within Ends and Executive Limitations policy areas.

(3) The Chairman may represent the Board to outside parties in announcing Board-stated positions and in stating Chairman decisions and interpretations within the area delegated to that role.

(4) The Chairman may delegate this authority but remains accountable for its use.

(5) The Chairman may appoint members and a Chairman for each Board committee, unless otherwise stipulated by Board policies or the organization's Bylaws.

c. Expected Traits for chairman: *(Does the Board want to include some basic core traits for the chair?)*

4.4.2 The Vice-Chairman or, in the absence of the Vice-Chairman, the immediate Past-Chairman will serve as Chair in the absence of the Chairman.

4.4.3 The Board Secretary is an officer of the Board whose purpose is to ensure the integrity of the Board's documents.

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- a. The Secretary's role is to see to it that all Board documents and records are accurate and timely.
  - (1) Policies will be current in their reflection of Board decisions. Decisions upon which no subsequent decisions are to be based, such as consent agenda decisions, motions to adjourn, and staff or Board member recognitions, need not be placed in policy.
  - (2) Policy Governance principles will be followed in policy development.
  - (3) Board policies and By-laws are to be consistent with the legal requirements of Florida Law, Ordinances of the City of Jacksonville and the JEA Charter and are to be known by the Board.
  - (4) Board expectations for format, brevity, and accuracy of Board minutes will be known to the CEO.
- b. The authority of the secretary is access to and control over Board documents and records.

4.4.4 The Assistant Secretary will serve as Secretary in the absence of the Secretary.

4.4.5 All Board officers are accountable to the Chairman unless otherwise determined by Board policy.

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### **POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS**

#### **POLICY 4.5**

#### **POLICY TITLE: RULES OF ORDER**

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*Board meetings will be conducted in an orderly and fair process consistent with the requirements of Florida Law, Ordinances of the City of Jacksonville, the JEA Charter, Bylaws and these governance policies. Meetings will be led by the Chairman, or, in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, or, in the absence of both, by the Chairman's designee.*

Accordingly,

- 4.5.1 Board meetings will be conducted with punctuality and order.
- a. Board meetings shall be called to order at the time specified in the notice of meeting and upon satisfaction of a quorum.
  - b. Meeting order shall be maintained and all members treated with dignity, respect, courtesy, and fairness during discussion and debate and in all other respects.
  - c. Board members must keep their comments relevant to the issue under consideration.
  - d. In order to conduct business, a quorum of four (4) board members must be present. Four affirmative votes are required to decide all motions before the Board regardless of number in attendance.
- 4.5.2 Board meetings will be conducted at a level of informality considered appropriate by the Chairman yet with predictable discipline.
- a. Discussion of a matter not on the previously distributed agenda may occur only after Board consent that the matter be heard.
  - b. Proposals that the Board take action, or decide a particular matter, shall (unless otherwise agreed to by unanimous consent) be made by main motion of a Board member, discussed, and then voted on. Motions require a second to proceed to discussion and subsequent vote.
  - c. The Chair may not make motions but can engage in debate and is required to vote.
  - d. A motion to amend a main motion may be amended but third level amendments are not to be heard.
  - e. A motion to refer to a committee, postpone, or table, may be made with respect to a pending main motion, shall take precedence over the pending motion and, if carried, shall set the main motion (the initial proposal) aside accordingly.
  - f. Board members may speak to a pending motion on as many occasions, and at such length, as the Chair may reasonably allow.
  - g. A vote on a motion shall be taken when discussion ends, but any Board member may, during the course of debate, move for an immediate vote (close debate or call the question) which, if carried, shall end discussion and the vote on the main motion shall then be taken. Votes may be made by voice vote or by roll call. All members of the Board are required to vote unless a conflict of interest is declared.

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- g. A motion to adjourn a Board meeting may be offered by any Board member or, on the conclusion of all business, adjournment of the meeting may be declared by the Chair.
- 4.5.3 When further rules of order are to be developed by the Board, the Board will consider the Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure (Robert's Rules of Order) as a resource guide. The representative from the Office of General Council may serve the Board as a resource on Parliamentary Procedure.

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### **POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS**

#### **POLICY 4.6**

#### **POLICY TITLE: BOARD MEMBER'S CODE OF CONDUCT**

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*The Board commits itself to lawful, ethical and businesslike conduct, following all requirements of Florida Law, Ordinances of the City of Jacksonville, and the JEA Charter including proper use of its authority and appropriate decorum when acting as Board members.*

Accordingly,

- 4.6.1 Members are expected to represent the interests of the ownership. This accountability supersedes any conflicting loyalty such as that to advocacy or interest groups and membership on other Boards or staffs. It also supersedes the personal interest of any Board member acting as a consumer of the organization's services.
- 4.6.2 Members must avoid conflict of interest with respect to their fiduciary responsibility. Such conflicts of interest include but are not limited to the following:
  - a. There will be no self-dealing or business by a member with the organization. Members will annually disclose their involvements with other organizations or with vendors and any associations that might be reasonably seen as representing a conflict of interest.
  - b. When the Board is to decide upon an issue about which a member has an unavoidable conflict of interest, that member shall announce and declare publicly any conflict of interest and withdraw without comment not only from the vote but also from the deliberation.
  - c. Board members will not use their Board position to obtain employment in the organization for themselves, family members, or close associates. Any such existing relationship is expected to be disclosed to the Board. A Board member who applies for employment must first resign from the Board.
- 4.6.3 Members may not attempt to exercise individual authority over the organization except as explicitly set forth in Board policies.
  - a. Members' interaction with the CEO or with staff must recognize the lack of authority vested in individuals except when explicitly authorized by the Board.
  - b. Members' interaction with the public, the press, or other entities must recognize the same limitation and the inability of any Board member to speak for the Board except to repeat explicitly stated Board decisions.
  - c. Except for participation in Board deliberation about whether the CEO has achieved any reasonable interpretation of Board policy, members will not express individual judgments of negative performance of employees or the CEO.
- 4.6.4 Members will respect the confidentiality appropriate to issues of a sensitive nature.
- 4.6.5 Members will be properly prepared for Board deliberation.
- 4.6.6 Members are expected to support the legitimacy and authority of the final determination of the Board on any matter, without regard to the member's personal position on the issue.
- 4.6.7 Members who have any question about the appropriateness of their conduct should consult with the Office of General counsel or appropriate Ethics offices for information.

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**POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS**

**POLICY 4.7**

**POLICY TITLE: *DIRECTORS' INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY***

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*The leadership success of the Board is a direct result of the individual and collegial participation of its members.*

Therefore, each Board member is expected to participate in the following ways:

- 4.7.1 Time Investment to Accomplish Board Responsibilities - As Board contemplation, deliberation and decision-making are processes which require wholeness, collaboration and participation, attendance at Board meetings is expected of Board members.
- a. Expected Commitments:
    - (1) Monthly Board Meetings
    - (2) Annual Team Building
    - (3) Quarterly Review
    - (4) Bond Rating Agency Trip, 3 days (Board Chair is expected to attend. However, full participation is highly encouraged.)
  - b. Optional Involvement:
    - (1) Internal educational meetings with staff upon request
    - (2) Industry related seminars and conferences
    - (3) Visit other utilities and related industries
- 4.7.2 Preparation and Participation - Board members will prepare for Board and committee meetings and will participate productively in discussions, always within the boundaries of discipline established by the Board. Each member will contribute his or her own knowledge, skills and expertise to the Board's efforts to fulfill its responsibilities.
- 4.7.3 Members as Individuals - The CEO is accountable only to the Board as an organization, and not to individual Board members. Accordingly, the relationship between the CEO and individual members of the Board, including the Chairman, is collegial, not hierarchical.

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**POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS**

**POLICY 4.8**

**POLICY TITLE: BOARD COMMITTEE PRINCIPLES**

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*Board committees, when used, will be assigned so as to reinforce the wholeness of the Board's job and not to interfere with delegation from the Board to the CEO.*

Accordingly,

- 4.8.1 Board committees are to help the Board accomplish its responsibilities and are not assigned to perform staff functions. Committees ordinarily will assist the Board by preparing policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation. In keeping with the Board's broader focus, Board committees will normally not have direct dealings with current staff operations unless specifically outlined in committee objectives.
- 4.8.2 Board committees may not speak or act for the Board except when formally given such authority for specific purposes. Expectations and authority will be carefully stated in order to prevent conflict with authority delegated to the CEO.
- 4.8.3 Board committees cannot exercise authority over staff. The CEO works for the full Board, and will therefore not be required to obtain the approval of a Board committee before an executive action.
- 4.8.4 Committees will be formed for a specific purpose only. Its purpose and function will be documented in a written charge. All committees are accountable to the Board as a whole.
- 4.8.5 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 CEO.

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### **POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS**

#### **POLICY 4.9**

#### **POLICY TITLE: BOARD COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

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*A committee is a Board committee only if its existence and charge come from the Board, regardless of whether Board members sit on the committee. The only standing Board committees are those which are set forth in the Bylaws or in this policy. Unless otherwise stated, a committee ceases to exist as soon as its task is complete. The CEO will attend meetings of each committee, but shall not have a vote.*

Accordingly,

4.9.1 Nominating Committee: The purpose of the Nominating committee is to recommend Board officers for election by the Board as a whole.

- a. The Nominating Committee will be comprised of three members. The current Chairman (which shall serve as chair of the committee) and the two most immediate past Chairman still remaining on the Board will constitute the committee. If one or more past chairman is no longer serving on the Board, the Chairman shall select Board members to fill out a committee of three.
- b. The Nominating Committee shall be formed no later than January of each year and will make its recommendation to the Board for action at its March meeting.

4.9.2 Finance and Audit Committee: The purpose of the Finance and Audit committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities by reviewing financial information, systems of internal controls, and audit process, including a high level review of the operating and capital budgets. The committee will provide an open avenue of communication between the Board, Management, Audit Services, and external auditors.

- a. The Finance and Audit committee will be comprised of three members appointed annually by the chair and confirmed by the Board. Two members will constitute a quorum.
- b. The committee will meet at least four times per year. A schedule of regular meetings will be established by the committee annually. Special meetings may be called by any committee member. Meeting dates, times and location will be announced to the entire Board.
- c. The committee shall oversee:
  - (1) Internal controls and risk assessment
  - (2) Internal Audit Services
  - (3) Compliance with laws, regulations and code of conduct
  - (4) Financial Reporting
- d. The committee will oversee the External Auditor

4.9.3 Other Committees may be established as designated by the Chair.

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**POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS**

**POLICY 4.10**

**POLICY TITLE: COST OF GOVERNANCE**

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*The Board will invest in continuous improvement in its governance capacity.*

Accordingly,

4.10.1 The Board will use appropriate methods to improve its governing skills.

- a. Training and retraining will be used liberally to orient new members as well as to maintain and increase existing members' skills and understandings.
- b. Outside monitoring assistance will be arranged so that the Board can exercise confident control over organizational performance. This includes but is not limited to a financial audit.
- c. Outreach mechanisms will be used as needed to ensure the Board's ability to listen to owner viewpoints and values.
- d. Knowledgeable industry experts will be made available to the Board in various ways to continuously improve the Board's awareness of emerging utility industry issues.

4.10.2 Costs for appropriate Board governance will be included during annual budget preparations. Any expenditure required will be in accordance with JEA procurement policies. Items may include but not be limited to the following as annually decided by the Board:

- a. training
- b. attendance at conferences, industry site visits and Rating Agency presentations
- c. audit and other third-party monitoring of organizational performance
- d. surveys, focus groups, opinion analysis, and meeting costs.

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### **APPENDIX**

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- A1 Executive Core Competencies
- A2 JEA Charter (Article 21 of City of Jacksonville Ordinance Code)
- A3 By-Laws of JEA

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# **Executive Core Competencies**

### **Models Integrity**

- Demonstrates high ethical standards and models important values for others to follow.
- Behaves and expresses oneself in an open and honest manner; is consistent in word and deed
- Is a fair person who does not manipulate or take advantage of others
- Tells the truth even when it is difficult
- Utilizes values and principles to guide his/her decisions
- Builds respect and trust from others by following through on commitments
- Represents information accurately and completely
- Assumes responsibility for own behavior; admits to mistakes

### **Makes Quality Decisions**

- Examines and integrates data from a variety of sources to make quality decisions
- Prioritizes decisions and initiatives in ways that ensures the highest value for the organization
- Makes educated and effective decisions in a timely manner, even when data is limited
- Makes high-quality strategic decisions for the organization even when the consequences may be controversial
- Seeks the input of others to ensure that decisions made will be best for the organization and will minimize conflict with other initiatives
- Takes appropriate risks that weighs the positive and negative impact of each decision on the organization

### **Takes Initiative**

- Assumes full ownership and accountability for own performance
- Takes on challenging work, even in the face of obstacles
- Initiates action on projects without being pressured from others to do so
- Reacts quickly to address problems that threaten organizational objectives
- Seeks out opportunities to extend or expand upon the organization's position in the market place
- Is passionate, highly engaged and highly energetic

### **Communicates Effectively**

- Listens actively to ensure understanding of each person's point of view
- Clearly articulates (through speech or in writing) own knowledge and ideas so they are easily understood and applied to others
- Communicates through appropriate channels

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- Identifies sources of motivation and appeals directly to co-workers in a language meaningful to them
- Is engaging with others and demonstrates professionalism through body language, including eye-contact, confidence, and focus
- Addresses difficult problems and perceptions that, if left untreated, could undermine the success of the organization
- Ensures regular, consistent, and meaningful communication throughout the organization

### **Drives Results**

- Seeks to achieve improved or even unprecedented results and demonstrates personal accountability for outcomes
- Creates a positive environment in which results flow from a desire to achieve
- Sets strategic goals and measurable performance expectations for defining success
- Drives execution with speed and discipline, and delivers on personal and organizational commitments
- Demonstrates ownership for performance of entire organization, and holds self and organization accountable for decisions and results
- Assesses financial implications of initiatives; allocates resources to improve results while maintaining financial discipline
- Actively monitors performance of self and others relative to performance objectives

### **Focuses on the Customer**

- Places high priority on identifying and meeting internal and external customer needs
- Provides high quality, valuable and consistent service to customers
- Ensures that customers understand and receive the fullest value possible from the products and services of the organization
- Assures that products and services meet customer needs and expectations
- Adapts and personalizes services to meet individual customer needs
- Anticipates changing customer needs and develops ways to meet or exceed those needs
- Utilizes follow-up procedures to ensure consistency and determine where improvements can be made to maintain high customer satisfaction

### **Fosters Teamwork**

- Shares relevant expertise and knowledge to ensure team members have adequate information to make decisions and achieve objectives
- Identifies and removes barriers that interfere with the team's success and provides suggestions to enhance team effectiveness
- Contributes to inclusive culture by valuing others' viewpoints, encouraging others to share ideas, and treating others in an accepting, respectful manner

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- Recognizes and capitalizes on the strengths of others to accomplish organizational objectives
- Exhibits willingness to listen to others' views even if not same as own
- Does not take conflicts personally; handles conflict in a positive manner and seeks mutual understanding
- Directly confronts behaviors that undermine team effectiveness

### **Manages and Supports Change**

- Effectively copes with changing environments, tasks and responsibilities
- Facilitates the acceptance and implementation of change to enhance the organization
- Encourages others to embrace change and use it as an opportunity to be creative and improve performance
- Identifies the changes necessary to move the organization forward
- Embraces and promotes change initiatives with a positive and enthusiastic attitude
- Ensures that change initiatives are aligned with strategic initiatives, values, and mission of the organization
- Leads change initiatives with frequent and consistent two-way communication
- Leverages resources to promote and sustain change efforts

### **Visionary Strategist**

- Develops the strategies and actions needed to accomplish desired organizational objectives
- Communicates the organization's vision in a way that is meaningful and actionable for employees
- Researches and analyzes marketplace, political, economic, and other external influences to formulate vision and strategy, and position the organization in the marketplace
- Collaborates with Executive Team and Board of Directors to determine vision and strategy, and ensures support throughout the organization
- Reviews the planning, organization, and direction of initiatives to ensure support of the mission statement and values
- Considers both short and long-term implications of a strategy
- Accurately anticipates the implications of events or decisions for various stakeholders in the organization and plans strategy accordingly

### **Manages Performance**

- Motivates others to achieve results through both respect and holding them accountable
- Provides others with constructive feedback, guidance, and coaching for improving performance
- Sets clear performance expectations and strategic goals, regularly monitors performance, and provides accurate evaluations

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- Encourages the use of development activities (e.g., workshops, mentoring), to improve performance and achieve desired results for the organization
- Identifies and provides important assignments to facilitate the development of key personnel
- Balances levels of support, direction, and autonomy based on employee needs and level of experience

### **Delegates to Others**

- Plans delegated assignments to ensure an optimal match between value of task and value of the resource attached to it
- Determines when to assign responsibilities to others and clarifies expectations to ensure effectiveness
- Provides others with the resources, authority, and support to complete delegated tasks successfully
- Develops employees for assuming additional responsibilities; anticipates talent gaps and accelerates development plans to fill gaps
- Recognizes individuals who are successful in completing delegated assignments

### **Maintains Positive Public Relations**

- Seeks and builds relationships with external constituencies (e.g., elected officials, government agencies, other utility leaders, trustees, investment bankers) to strengthen the organization's impact and reputation in the community
- Treats others outside the organization in an accepting, respectful manner
- Understands the needs of the cities, board members and the community, and leverages this information to shape policies and initiatives
- Represents the organization with credibility to print and media sources (includes providing information, clarifying facts, etc.)
- Researches constituencies to determine the best way to communicate to them
- Ensures that customers experience and understand the full value they derive from the organization

### **Actively Supports Board of Directors**

- Keeps Board of Directors informed on progress towards implementing strategic initiatives and other important information
- Updates the board on large-scale progress of the organization towards its objectives
- Shows an appreciation for the unique role of a board member
- Maintains a cordial, productive relationship with each board member
- Educates the Board on the strategies and priorities that balance the needs of customers with operational needs
- Keeps board members informed on important issues – “no surprises”

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### **Leads Others Effectively**

- Develops and communicates compelling rationales that build commitment and support for one's perspectives, strategies, and initiatives
- Builds diverse, high-performing teams that accomplish organizational changes, goals, and priorities
- Listens to the diverse ideas, perspectives, and contributions of others across the organization
- Builds trusting, collaborative relationships across organizational boundaries to achieve goals
- Leads with integrity and values, and a focus at all times on the mission of the organization
- Challenges and motivates others in a way that is inclusive, tactful, empowering, and maximizes performance
- Leads with a vision that inspires others to adopt the goals of the organization as their own
- Ability to interact and get along with employees at all levels

### **Leverages Industry Acumen**

- Monitors and analyzes financial data and key cost drivers (e.g., personnel) to evaluate options and make decisions
- Understands overall financial and operational performance of an organization in order to effectively position it in the marketplace
- Establishes and maintains realistic budgets in accordance with the organizations policies
- Follows appropriate legal and fiduciary requirements when reconciling and reporting financial transactions
- Considers multiple options for reducing costs and keeping the organization as efficient as possible
- Seeks to develop financial acumen and understand key financial related issues
- Grows continuously in business knowledge and experience

### **Plans for the Future**

- Identifies and balances risks and benefits when developing plans
- Assesses financial implications of projects and initiatives; allocates resources to improve results while maintaining financial discipline
- Provides the information, resources, implementation time, and talent needed to make plans and their implementation successful
- Identifies need for and ensures contingency plans are developed
- Assigns or directly monitors and evaluates the external environment when developing plans
- Aligns and allocates resources and time according to strategic priorities and company interests

### **Embraces Diversity**

- Promotes the active recruiting of diverse individuals

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- Communicates and clarifies the link between diversity and achieving the organization's strategic goals
- Demonstrates visible support for programs that remove barriers (e.g., stereotypes) between diverse individuals
- Actively monitors organization to ensure equality and fairness for all members; objectively allocates compensation, rewards, and opportunities
- Promotes an inclusive culture where different viewpoints are valued and encouraged

### **Negotiates Collaboratively**

- Strives to understand each party's position by asking in-depth questions and probing for specific needs and issues
- Defines and evaluates specific points of agreement and disagreement
- Seeks win-win solutions that meet the underlying interests of all parties
- Discloses appropriate and important information to establish openness and trust
- Keeps arguments or disputes issue-oriented rather than personal
- Maintains flexibility in negotiating style, adapting style to the specific needs of a given situation.

### **Manages Politics**

- Accurately discerns unspoken feelings and motivations, and leverages to determine what to say or how to proceed
- Adapts dress and demeanor as appropriate to a situation
- Appropriately manages impressions of oneself, one's department and the organization
- Keenly aware of and adheres to the norms and practices of the organization's culture
- Leverages appropriate channels of influence to more efficiently gain resources and accomplish goals
- Creates and maintains both formal and informal networks within the organization that facilitate the achievement of goals
- Chooses battles wisely and matches urgency to the importance of the concerns under discussion