

ARTICLE IV. Officers

The officers of the board consist of a chair, vice-chair and secretary. Elections shall be held the first regularly scheduled meeting on or after May 1 of each year and the normal one-year term of an officer elected at this time shall run until the next regularly scheduled election. The chair and vice-chair shall be elected from the appointed membership of the board and shall serve until either the expiration of his/her normal term, resignation or the expiration of his or her term on the board, whichever comes first. An officer shall assume office upon election. In the absence of the chair, the vice-chair will preside. However, the chair may assign any regent to temporarily preside over some specific portion of a meeting. ~~If the office of chair or vice-chair is vacated prior to the expiration of a normal term, the board will hold an election to fill the vacated office.~~ If the office of chair is vacated before the expiration of a term, the vice-chair shall serve as chair until a special election or the next regular election, at the discretion of the board. If the office of vice-chair is vacated before the expiration of a term the board may hold a special election or leave it vacant until the next regular election. If both the chair and vice-chair were vacated before expiration of their terms or the vice-chair was not available to serve as chair, a special election will be held by the board to serve for the remainder of the term(s). ~~The newly elected officer will serve for the remainder of the term.~~ The commissioner of higher education will serve as secretary to the board.