

## **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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**SUBJECT:** Delegation of Authority to the Chancellor of the Division of Community Colleges

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### **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Delegation of approval of community college operating budgets and budget amendments to the Chancellor of the Division of Community Colleges. Delegation of the review of community college direct support organizations audits to the Chancellor of the Division of Community Colleges.

### **AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1001.02(1), Florida Statutes, provides that the State Board of Education may delegate its general powers to the Commissioner of Education or the directors of the divisions of the department.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Section 1011.30, Florida Statutes, requires the Department of Education to review and approve college operating budgets after approval by the local boards of trustees. The review process is a technical, compliance process relative to accuracy of revenues, correctness of student fee rates, fund balance requirements and other related budgetary procedures. State Board of Education Rule 6A-14.0716 requires the State Board of Community Colleges to approve community college operating budgets and budget amendments.

For 2001-02 and 2002-03, the college operating budgets were approved by the Florida Board of Education. Prior to those fiscal years, the State Board of Community Colleges had delegated authority for approval to the Executive Director of the Division of Community Colleges.

This review and approval process is a technical review. Local boards of trustees make the appropriate policy decisions on college operating budgets relative to programs, services and personnel.

Pursuant to section 1004.70(6), Florida Statutes, community college direct support organizations must submit their annual financial audit to the State Board of Education for review. The Division of Community Colleges has procedures for the audit review. The procedures include a technical check list relative to statutory requirements and board of trustee oversight regarding direct support organization.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

Check list used for review and approval of community college operating budgets:  
State Board of Education Rule 6A-14.0716 Community College Budgets  
Check list for the review of community college direct support organizations audits

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