



BOARD COMMITTEE INFORMATION

The governance scope of the University, like any other complex organization, requires a large volume of work and detailed scrutiny. In order to facilitate the Board's ability to do this work, much of the detailed reporting and analysis is done at Committees. Those Committees then report to the Board meetings.

Most Board members sit on one or more Committees. All Board members are invited to attend any Committee meeting with the exception of those members explicitly excluded by the Ryerson University Act (with respect to the Audit and Negotiations Committees).

Board Committees

There are two types of committees:

Standing These committees are identified in the By-laws. Their duties are typically continuous. At present there are five standing committees of the Board:

- Executive
- Audit
- Employee Relations and Pensions
- Finance
- Negotiations

Special The committees have specific duties of a non-recurrent nature. An example of such a Committee was the Chancellor Search Committee which operated in the 2017-2018 Board year to make a recommendation to the Board for the appointment of a new Chancellor.

The appointment of the Chair, Vice Chair and members of Committees is decided by Board resolution. Provisions for the Committee Structure are further described in both the Ryerson University Act and the Board By- Laws but include the following key elements:

Ryerson University Act

- Section 5 of the Ryerson University Act authorizes the Board to establish committees and appoint persons to and confer upon any such committee the authority to act for the Board with respect to any matter or class of matters.

- The President is an ex-officio member of every committee unless excluded by a By-Law or a resolution of the Board
- The President may nominate an officer of the University to represent him/her on a committee and such nominee shall act in the place and stead of the President.
- No decision of a committee that includes in its membership persons who are not members of the Board is effective until approved and ratified by the Board

Board's By-Laws (By-Law No. 1 being the General By-Laws of Ryerson University)

- Standing Committees make recommendations to the Board for the Board's consideration.
- Committees' membership is determined in the summer for the coming year (September 1 to August 31) based upon member preferences and committee vacancies.
- The By-Laws specify that the Board Chair and Vice Chair are members of each Board committee.
- The By-Laws provide the procedures which govern committee functioning.

NOTE: *More detailed information on the composition, powers and mandate of individual committees can be found in the Board By-Laws, Article 16 to 21.*