

MINNESOTA P-20 EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP BYLAWS

ARTICLE I ESTABLISHMENT OF PARTNERSHIP

Section 1.1. Establishment and Name. Minnesota Statutes Section 127A.70 Subdivision 1 provides for the establishment of a “P-20 education partnership...to create a seamless system of education that maximizes achievements of all students, from early childhood through elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education, while promoting the efficient use of financial and human resources.” The P-20 education partnership specified in Minn. Stat. § 127A.70 shall operate under the name of Minnesota P-20 Education Partnership (herein the “Partnership”).

Section 1.2. Members of the Partnership. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 127A.70, Subd. 1, the Partnership shall consist of major statewide educational groups or constituencies or non-educational statewide organizations with a stated interest in P-20 education (herein, the “Partners”). The initial membership of the Partnership shall include the members serving on the Minnesota P-16 Education Partnership and four legislators appointed as set forth in Minn. Stat. § 127A.70, Subd. 1. The initial membership of the Partnership is identified on Exhibit A attached hereto.

Section 1.3. New Members. Prospective members of the Partnership may be nominated by any Partner, and new members will be added with the approval by two-thirds majority of the Partnership.

Section 1.4. Powers and Duties. The Partnership shall develop recommendations and submit a report to the governor and the legislature as set forth in Minn. Stat. § 127A.70, Subd. 2.

Section 1.5. Principal Office. There shall be no principal office of the Partnership. Meetings shall be conducted at the chairperson’s institutional offices or as the Board members may designate from time to time.

ARTICLE II BOARD AND COMMITTEES

Section 2.1. Board Membership. The Partners shall be represented by a board of representative members comprised of the chief executives, presidents, or other formally-designated leaders of their respective organizations, or their designees, who shall be designated, elected or appointed by their respective organizations from time to time (herein the “Board”).

Section 2.2. Duties. The Board shall manage the activities and affairs of the Partnership.

Section 2.3. Term. Each Board member shall hold membership until their successor is designated, elected or appointed by their respective Partner.

Section 2.4. Removal and Vacancies. Board members may only be removed by their respective Partner. Any vacancies shall be promptly filled by designation, election or appointment of the respective Partners.

Section 2.5. Compensation. The Board members shall not be compensated for their services.

Section 2.6. Committees of the Board. The Partnership, by resolution of the majority of the Board members at which a quorum is present, may establish committees that may exercise specific management duties of the Partnership. Such committees shall at all times be subject to the direction and control of the Board. Committee members shall be appointed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board members present. A majority of the members of any committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of any such committee. In other matters of procedure the provisions of these Bylaws shall apply to committees and members thereof to the same extent they apply to the Board. The designation of any committee and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the Partnership of any responsibility of the Partnership.

Section 2.7. Executive Committee. The Partnership shall have a standing executive committee responsible for advancing the Partnership's agenda and initiatives between Board meetings at the direction of the Board (herein the "Executive Committee"). The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the chair, the co-chair and other members as appointed by the Board. The Executive Committee shall be subject to the provisions of Section 2.6 above.

ARTICLE III MEETINGS OF MINNESOTA P-20 EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

Section 3.1. First Meeting. The chair of the Minnesota P-16 education partnership shall convene the first meeting of the Partnership.

Section 3.3. Regular Meetings. The Partnership shall meet at least three times annually as specified in Minn. Stat. § 127A.70, Subd. 1. Meetings shall be held at the chairperson's institutional offices or at such other place the Board may designate.

Section 3.3. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called from time to time with the approval of the chair and co-chair.

Section 3.4. Notice of Meetings. Notice of the time and place of regular and special meetings will be given to the membership by electronic mail and published on the Partnership web page. All meetings are open to the public and subject to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13D.

Section 3.6. Quorum. A majority of the representative members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of any meeting of the Partnership.

Section 3.7. Acts of the Partnership. Except as otherwise required by Minnesota law or specified in these Bylaws, the Partnership shall take action by the affirmative vote of the majority of the representative members comprising the Board, who shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter submitted to a vote.

Section 3.8. Presumption of Assent. A member of the Partnership who is present at a meeting of the Partnership at which action on any matter is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken unless their dissent is entered in the minutes of the meeting or unless they file a written dissent with the chairperson.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 4.1. Chairperson of the Partnership. There shall be a chairperson of the Partnership that shall rotate among the University of Minnesota, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, and the Minnesota Department of Education. The co-chair shall be the member who will serve as chair in the next two-year term.

Section 4.2. Term of Service. The term of service of the chair shall be two years and shall alternate between the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education and either the President of the University of Minnesota or the Chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.

Section 4.3. Compensation. Officers of the Partnership shall not be compensated for their service.

ARTICLE V GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 5.1. Amendments. These bylaws may be amended or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by the affirmative vote of the majority of the representative members at any regular or special meeting, provided that at least ten (10) days written notice is given of the intention to adopt new bylaws or alter, amend or repeal the existing bylaws at such meeting.

Section 5.2. Records. The Partnership shall keep records and minutes of the proceedings of the meetings and actions of the Board and of the committees, workgroups or subcommittees of the Board. The minutes of each meeting shall be reviewed and approved at each regular meeting of the Board. If a special meeting occurs, minutes of that meeting shall be reviewed and approved at the next regular meeting of the Board. The records and minutes of the Board shall be available on the Partnership Web page.

EXHIBIT A

**MEMBERS OF THE MINNESOTA P-20 EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP AND
REPRESENTATIVE BOARD MEMBERS**