



POLICY 5.60

5-A I recommend the Board approve development of the proposed revised Policy 5.60, entitled “Eligibility for Participation in K-12 Extracurricular Activities.”

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Development

CONSENT ITEM

- The revised policy is amended to include the following:
 - The policy’s application to students and their participation in competitive and noncompetitive local, state, national, or international events (See lines 13-19);
 - A definition of extracurricular activity consistent with state law (See lines 17-19);
 - A prohibition against the providing of extracurricular activities based on any actual or perceived characteristic(s) listed as a prohibited category of discrimination by state or federal law, etc. (See lines 32-56);
 - General eligibility requirements for students to participate in extracurricular and interscholastic athletic activities (See lines 113-135);
 - Eligibility to participate in middle school interscholastic athletic activities (See lines 137-196);
 - Eligibility to participate in high school interscholastic athletic activities (See lines 197-260);
 - Participation of home education, charter school, and virtual education students in extracurricular activities as required by state law (See lines 312-341);
 - Responsibilities for principals, assistant superintendent of curriculum and learning support, and the superintendent related to extracurricular activities (See lines 353-359); and
 - A prohibition of staff recruiting students from another school for any extracurricular activity, including interscholastic athletics (See lines 343-351).

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1 ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN K-12 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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3 1. ~~Purpose~~

4 Pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 1001.43(3) (c), the Board may adopt policies providing
5 for extracurricular activities, which include interscholastic programs. This policy is
6 to provide guidelines for student participation in extracurricular and
7 interscholastic athletic activities. Extracurricular activities are intended to
8 supplement the regular curriculum of the school and to provide enrichment
9 opportunities for students. As important as extracurricular activities are for growth
10 and development of each student, they must remain supplemental to the
11 student's learning and mastery of the basic skills in the regular curriculum.

12 2. Scope

13 This policy applies to all District students and their participation in extracurricular
14 activities, competitive and non-competitive, at local, state, national or
15 international events.

16 3. Definition

17 Extracurricular activity means any school-authorized or education-related activity
18 occurring during or outside the regular instructional school day, as defined by
19 Fla. Stat. § 1006.15(2).

20 4. Policy Statement

21 The Board recognizes that extracurricular activities promote a positive school
22 climate and constitute an integral component of the student's educational
23 experience. Extracurricular activities are intended to supplement the regular
24 curriculum of the school and to provide enrichment opportunities for students. As
25 important as extracurricular activities are for growth and development of each
26 student, they must remain supplemental to the student's learning and mastery of
27 the basic skills in the regular curriculum.

28 Whenever or wherever held, when conducted under the name of a District
29 school, the District, or any class or organization thereof, extracurricular activities
30 shall be under the supervision of school authorities and all applicable District and
31 school policies and regulations shall apply.

32 ~~5.2~~ Equitable Participation

33 No extracurricular activity shall be provided or conducted separately on the basis
34 of any actual or perceived characteristics listed as a prohibited category of

35 discrimination in state or federal law, nor shall any student's participation in an
36 extracurricular activity be required or refused on those bases.

- 37 a. ~~4.~~ Principals shall select faculty advisors, directors, coaches, sponsors,
38 and staff who are diverse in racial, ethnic, and gender composition.
- 39 b. ~~2.~~ Students shall not be excluded from, nor denied positions of leadership
40 in any extracurricular activity due to race, color, religion, sex, ethnicity,
41 national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression,
42 genetic information, marital status, parental status, disability, limited
43 English proficiency, or any other characteristic protected by law.
- 44 c. ~~3.~~ In general, students shall not be denied participation in any activity
45 because of inability to pay for expenses related to the activity; however,
46 students may be required to pay for athletic insurance as a prerequisite to
47 participation in extracurricular activities, and donors such as booster clubs
48 may be encouraged to assist with insurance expenses for students who
49 have difficulty covering the cost of such athletic insurance.
- 50 d. ~~4.~~ Pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 1006.28(3)(b) and Policy [8.1225](#), a student will
51 be suspended from participation in extracurricular activities while owing an
52 obligation after reasonable collection efforts by the principal, for lost,
53 destroyed, or unnecessarily-damaged instructional materials, unless the
54 student elects to perform community service hours to satisfy the obligation
55 pursuant to Policy [8.1225](#).

56 ~~a. The Superintendent or designee shall monitor fair and equitable~~
57 ~~access to extracurricular activities for all students as follows:~~

58 ~~b. Students in Grades K-5. Elementary school principals will annually~~
59 ~~complete a survey of extracurricular activities (instructional and non-~~
60 ~~instructional). This survey will be disaggregated by total number of~~
61 ~~participants, participants with Exceptional Student Education (ESE),~~
62 ~~Limited English Proficient (LEP) students, sex, and race (African-~~
63 ~~American, Hispanic, White and Other).~~

64 ~~c. Students in Grades 6-8. The Superintendent shall establish~~
65 ~~procedures to ensure that the eligibility Bylaws of the Palm Beach~~
66 ~~County Middle School Activities Association ("PBCMSAA") are~~
67 ~~enforced. The middle school principals will annually complete a survey~~
68 ~~of ten extracurricular activities (instructional and non-instructional)~~
69 ~~designated by the Superintendent. This survey will be disaggregated~~

70 ~~by number of participants, participants with Exceptional Student~~
71 ~~Education (ESE), Limited English Proficient (LEP) students, sex, and~~
72 ~~race (African American, Hispanic, White and Other).~~

73 ~~d. Students in Grades 9-12. The eligibility Bylaws of the Florida High~~
74 ~~School Activities Association ("FHSAA") shall be enforced. The high~~
75 ~~school principals will annually complete a survey of ten (10)~~
76 ~~extracurricular activities (instructional and non-instructional) designated~~
77 ~~by the Superintendent. This survey will be disaggregated by number of~~
78 ~~participants, sex, and race (African American, Hispanic, White and~~
79 ~~Other).~~

80 ~~Each school's survey will be submitted by May 30 to the appropriate~~
81 ~~Area Superintendent, based on data from the Student Activity Screen~~
82 ~~(A-26).~~

83 ~~e. By June 15 of each school year, Area Superintendents will submit~~
84 ~~the survey results to the Superintendent, along with a written action~~
85 ~~plan for removing any apparent barriers to diversity in staff and~~
86 ~~student participation in extracurricular activities. If the level of~~
87 ~~participation of any such category of students is substantially~~
88 ~~different from the enrollment proportion of that category, it should~~
89 ~~be supportable by a nondiscriminatory explanation.~~

90 ~~f. By June 30 of each year, the Superintendent shall submit a report~~
91 ~~consistent with SBER 6A 19.004 to the Board regarding~~
92 ~~participation in extracurricular activities at the elementary, middle,~~
93 ~~and senior high school levels. This report shall be based on the~~
94 ~~Area Superintendent's reports and data and include:~~

95 ~~i. District wide and individual school information regarding data~~
96 ~~on faculty advisors, directors, coaches, and sponsors by~~
97 ~~race, national origin, sex, LEP, and ESE;~~

98 ~~ii. Data on participation in selected activities by race, national~~
99 ~~origin, sex, LEP, and ESE;~~

100 ~~iii. Identification of any barriers regarding equitable selection of~~
101 ~~diverse faculty advisors, directors, coaches, and sponsors;~~

102 ~~iv. Identification of any barriers to equitable participation in~~
103 ~~extracurricular activities by students of diverse populations;~~

- 104 ~~v. Identification of any inequities in extracurricular activities~~
105 ~~offered at schools;~~
- 106 ~~vi. Recommendations for removing any barrier to equitable~~
107 ~~student participation in extracurricular activities;~~
- 108 ~~vii. Recommendations for removing any inequity regarding~~
109 ~~extracurricular activities offered at schools; and~~
- 110 ~~viii. Recommendations for ensuring diversity of faculty advisors,~~
111 ~~directors, coaches, and sponsors.~~

112 6. **General Eligibility Requirements for Extracurricular and Interscholastic**
113 **Athletic Activities**

- 114 a. A student may ONLY participate in extracurricular activities, excluding
115 interscholastic high school athletics, sponsored by the school in which
116 they are assigned.
- 117 b. A high school student is eligible to participate in interscholastic athletic
118 activities, as to enrollment, residence and transfer, as permitted by the
119 Bylaws of FHSAA as provided in Fla. Stat. §§ 1002.20(17) and 1006.20.
- 120 c. Each principal is responsible for ensuring that each participant in an
121 extracurricular and interscholastic athletic program is a **bona fide** student
122 at his or her school.
- 123 d. Principals shall annually review reassignments or transfers.
- 124 e. Any student, who is found to have falsified eligibility information, including
125 his or her address in order to attend a school, shall be deemed ineligible
126 to compete in any public school within the District for one calendar year
127 from the date the falsification is discovered. The incident will be
128 documented.
- 129 f. The Superintendent, Area Superintendent, Principal, coach, or activity
130 sponsor may raise questions of a student's interscholastic athletic
131 eligibility at any time. Any question of eligibility shall be presented to the
132 Principal of the school where the student's eligibility is being questioned.
- 133 g. Any student participating in extracurricular activities must have his or her
134 participation noted in the District's student data system.

135 7. **Eligibility for Participation in Interscholastic Athletic Activities**

136 **A. ~~3~~ *Scholastic Eligibility in Middle School.*** In accordance ~~As stated in the~~
137 ~~Student Progression Plan and consistent~~ with the Bylaws of the Palm Beach
138 County Middle School Athletic Association (PBCMSAA), the scholastic eligibility
139 requirements for middle-school students to participate in interscholastic
140 extracurricular student activities are as follows:

- 141 1. ~~☞~~ *Eligibility Time Period.* Eligibility for each middle-school student shall
142 be limited to three (3) consecutive years from the time the student first
143 enters grade 6.
- 144 2. ~~☞~~ *Eligibility for Participation Commencing with 6th Grade.* To be eligible to
145 compete in interscholastic athletic competition for the first grading period,
146 a sixth-grade student must be a bona fide student in the school which
147 he/she represents (unless in home education, ~~☞~~ a charter-school student,
148 or a virtual school student as provided by law and this policy explained in
149 ~~Section (7) below~~); must have been regularly promoted from the fifth
150 grade; and must be carrying a normal class load and doing satisfactory
151 classroom work with a satisfactory conduct record.
- 152 3. ~~☞~~ *Temporary Ineligibility Due to Administrative Placement.* Any middle-
153 school student who has been administratively placed will be ineligible for
154 the first nine (9) weeks of the placement.
- 155 4. ~~☞~~ *Maintenance of Grade Point Average.* Failure in more than one (1)
156 subject during a given nine-week grading period shall cause a student to
157 be ineligible for practice and competition during the following nine-week
158 grading period. In addition, a student must maintain a grade point average
159 of 2.0 as well as acceptable conduct as determined by the principal.
- 160 5. ~~☞~~ *Ineligibility Due to Age.* A middle-school student will lose eligibility
161 upon reaching the age of 15 years prior to September 1 of the current
162 school year.
- 163 6. ~~☞~~ *Eligibility for Participation in Grade 9.* To participate in the first semester
164 of grade 9, a student must have been promoted from grade 8 during the
165 immediately-preceding school year.
- 166 7. *Maintain Satisfactory Conduct.* A student shall maintain satisfactory
167 conduct, including adherence to appropriate dress and other codes of
168 student conduct as provided in Policies [5.182](#) and [5.1813](#), and Fla. Stat. §
169 [1006.07\(2\)](#).
 - 170 a. In any event, if the student is convicted of, or is found to have
171 committed, a felony or a delinquent act which would have been a

172 felony if committed by an adult regardless of whether adjudication
173 is withheld, the student should be disqualified from participation in
174 interscholastic extracurricular activities.

175 b. A student violates the dress and other codes of student conduct
176 policies by wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts
177 in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the orderly learning
178 environment, the student shall be disciplined as follows:

179 i. For a first offense, the student shall be given a verbal
180 warning and the principal or designee shall call the student's
181 parents or guardians.

182 ii. For a second offense, the student shall be ineligible to
183 participate in any extracurricular activity for a period of time
184 not to exceed five (5) days and the principal or designee
185 shall meet with the student's parents or guardians.

186 iii. If the student receives a third or subsequent offense for
187 wearing clothing that exposes the student's body parts or
188 underwear in a vulgar or indecent manner, in violation of
189 Board Policy 5.182 and 5.1813, and Sec. 1006.07(2) (d) (1),
190 Fla. Stat., the student shall be ineligible to participate in any
191 extracurricular activity for a period not to exceed 30 days.
192 The principal or designee shall call and send the
193 parents/guardians a written letter regarding the student's in-
194 house suspension and ineligibility to participate in
195 extracurricular activities.

196 **B. 4. *Scholastic Eligibility in High School.*** As stated in Fla. Stat. §
197 1006.15(3)(a), the minimum requirements for scholastic eligibility for high
198 school students to participate in interscholastic extracurricular student
199 activities, are as follows:

200 1. ~~a.~~ *Grade Point Average.* Maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or
201 above on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the previous semester or
202 a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale, or
203 its equivalent, in the courses required for high school graduation by
204 Fla. Stat. § 1003.43(1).

- 205 2. ~~b.~~ Academic Performance Contract. Execute and fulfill the
206 requirements of an academic performance contract between the
207 student, the ~~Board district school board,~~ the Florida High School
208 Athletic Association (FHSA) ~~appropriate governing association,~~
209 and the student's parents, if the student's cumulative grade point
210 average falls below 2.0, or its equivalent, on a 4.0 scale in the
211 courses required by Fla. Stat. § 1003.43(1) ~~or, for students who~~
212 ~~entered the 9th grade prior to the 1997-1998 school year, if the~~
213 ~~student's cumulative grade point average falls below 2.0 on a 4.0~~
214 ~~scale, or its equivalent, in the courses required by Fla. Stat. §~~
215 ~~1003.43(1) that are taken after July 1, 1997.~~ At a minimum, the
216 contract must require that the student attend summer school, or its
217 graded equivalent, between grades 9 and 10 or grades 10 and 11,
218 as necessary.
- 219 3. ~~c.~~ GPA for Junior or Senior Year. Have a cumulative grade point
220 average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the courses
221 required by Fla. Stat. § 1003.43(1) during the junior or senior year.
- 222 4. ~~d.~~ Causes of Ineligibility During a Semester. A student who is
223 eligible at the beginning of a semester shall be eligible during the
224 remainder of the semester, except for lack of attendance, improper
225 conduct or other valid reasons which may cause the principal to
226 declare the student ineligible before the end of the semester.
- 227 5. ~~e.~~ Maintain Satisfactory Conduct. The student must maintain
228 satisfactory conduct, including adherence to appropriate dress and
229 other codes of student conduct policies as provided in Board Policies
230 ~~Policy 5.182 and 5.1813,~~ and Sec. 1006.07(2) ~~(d)2,~~ Fla. Stat., as
231 determined by the principal.
- 232 a. In any event, if the student is convicted of, or is found to
233 have committed, a felony or a delinquent act which would have
234 been a felony if committed by an adult, regardless of whether
235 adjudication is withheld, the student should be disqualified from
236 participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities.
- 237 b. A student violates the dress and other codes of student
238 conduct policies by wearing clothing that exposes underwear or
239 body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the

240 orderly learning environment, the student shall be disciplined as
241 follows:

242 i. For a first offense, the student shall be given a verbal
243 warning and the principal or designee shall call the
244 student's parents or guardians.

245 ii. For a second offense, the student shall be ineligible to
246 participate in any extracurricular activity for a period of
247 time not to exceed five (5) days and the principal or
248 designee shall meet with the student's parents or
249 guardians.

250 iii. If the student receives a third or subsequent offense
251 for wearing clothing that exposes the student's body parts
252 or underwear in a vulgar or indecent manner, in violation
253 of Board Policies ~~Policy~~ 5.182 and 5.1813, and Sec.
254 1006.07(2) (d) (1), Fla. Stat., the student shall be
255 ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a
256 period not to exceed 30 days. The ~~school~~ principal or
257 designee shall call and send the parents/guardians a
258 written letter regarding the student's in-house suspension
259 and ineligibility to participate in extracurricular activities.

260 **~~5. General Eligibility Requirements~~**

261 a. ~~Middle school principals are responsible for ensuring that each middle~~
262 ~~school participant in interscholastic activities abides by the PBCMSAA~~
263 ~~Bylaws and/or the Florida School Music Association ("FSMA") Bylaws.~~
264 ~~Eligibility is established at the first school attended as assigned by Student~~
265 ~~Services.~~

266 b. ~~High school principals are responsible for ensuring that each high school~~
267 ~~participant in interscholastic activities, as a representative of his/her~~
268 ~~school is eligible to participate under the FHSAA rules. Eligibility is~~
269 ~~established at the first school attended as assigned by Student Services.~~
270 ~~The principal also has the responsibility of reporting any discovered~~
271 ~~eligibility irregularities to the FHSAA, the Area Superintendent, and the~~
272 ~~Superintendent/designee.~~

273 c. ~~In addition to the FHSAA or PBCMSAA Bylaws, the following rules shall~~
274 ~~apply:~~

275 ~~i. No student may participate in the interscholastic activities of a~~
276 ~~school other than the school to which the student was first assigned~~
277 ~~for a given school year unless the student:~~

278 ~~A. actually and legitimately resides in the attendance area of~~
279 ~~the school; or has a transfer approved by Student Services;~~
280 ~~or~~

281 ~~B. has been admitted to a magnet/choice school or program~~
282 ~~pursuant to the magnet/choice application process (provided~~
283 ~~that the student shall become ineligible for sports at the~~
284 ~~magnet/choice school if he/she drops out of, or is removed~~
285 ~~from, the magnet/choice program); or~~

286 ~~C. transferred to the new school under the Opportunity~~
287 ~~Scholarships Program or the McKay Scholarships for~~
288 ~~Children with Disabilities Program under Fla. Stat. §§~~
289 ~~1002.38 or 1002.39; or was administratively placed.~~

290 ~~ii. Principals shall annually review reassignments.~~

291 ~~iii. Any student who is found to have falsified eligibility information,~~
292 ~~shall be deemed ineligible to compete in any public school within~~
293 ~~the School District of Palm Beach County for one calendar year~~
294 ~~from the date the falsification is discovered.~~

295 ~~iv. The Superintendent, Area Superintendent, principal, coach, or~~
296 ~~activity sponsor may raise questions of eligibility at any time. Any~~
297 ~~question of eligibility shall be presented to the principal of the~~
298 ~~school where the student's eligibility is being questioned.~~

299 ~~d. An Interscholastic Eligibility Appeals Committee (IEAC) shall be~~
300 ~~established to review eligibility questions which cannot otherwise be~~
301 ~~resolved. Neither this Policy nor any recommendation from the committee~~
302 ~~shall be construed as waiving applicable FHSAA, or PBCMSAA Bylaws or~~
303 ~~regulations.~~

304 ~~6. Clubs and Non-Sports Activities.~~ The minimum scholastic standards for
305 ~~eligibility for competitive interscholastic participation in extracurricular~~
306 ~~competitive interscholastic non-sports activities and clubs will be the same~~
307 ~~GPA required for sports participation by Fla. Stat. 1006.15(3) (a), the FHSAA,~~
308 ~~and the PBCMSAA.~~

309 **8. Participation of Home Education, and Charter School, and Virtual**
310 **Education Students**

311 Home education, charter school, and virtual education students who meet
312 the specified academic and conduct requirements as required by Fla. Stat. §
313 1006.15 and this policy are eligible to participate in extracurricular and
314 interscholastic athletic activities consistent with the provisions below.

315 1. Home Education Student. ~~Home educated students are~~
316 ~~governed by the same eligibility regulations as all public school~~
317 ~~students. "An individual home education student is eligible to~~
318 ~~participate at the same District school to which the student would be~~
319 ~~assigned according to Board policy, consistent with Fla. Stat. §§~~
320 ~~1002.20(18) and 1006.15(3)(c) district school board attendance area~~
321 ~~policies or which the student could choose to attend pursuant to~~
322 ~~district or interdistrict controlled open enrollment provisions, . . . in the~~
323 ~~interscholastic extracurricular activities of that school," subject to the~~
324 ~~conditions in Fla. Stat. § 1006.15(3)(c).~~

325 2. Charter School Student. A charter school student is eligible to
326 participate at the District school to which his or she would be
327 assigned in accordance with Board policy, consistent with Fla. Stat. §§
328 1002.20(18) and 1006.15(3)(d), unless the activity is provided by the
329 charter school.. "An individual charter school student. . . is eligible to
330 participate at the public school to which the student would be assigned
331 according to district school board attendance area policies. . . or which
332 the student could choose to attend, pursuant to district or interdistrict
333 controlled open enrollment provisions, in any interscholastic
334 extracurricular activity of that school, unless such activity is provided
335 by the student's charter school," subject to the conditions set forth in
336 Fla. Stat. § 1006.15(3)(d).

337 3. Virtual Education Student. A full-time virtual education student is
338 eligible to participate at the District school to which his or she would
339 be assigned in accordance with Board policy, consistent with Fla. Stat.
340 §§ 1002.20(18) and 1006.15(3)(e).

341 **9. Recruiting for Extracurricular Activities Prohibited**

342 ~~School~~ District employees are prohibited from recruiting students from other
343 schools for any extracurricular activity, which includes interscholastic athletic
344 activity, either directly or indirectly, and may be subject to disciplinary action,
345 up to and including termination for violation of this policy. Any principal who
346 knowingly allows or encourages recruitment from other schools will be subject
347 to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. Any employee who
348 knowingly and willfully withholds information regarding eligibility when

349 questioned by his/her superiors will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and
350 including termination.

351 **10. Responsibility**

352 1. Principals are responsible for implementing this policy.

353 2. The Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Learning Support
354 is responsible for addressing any questions regarding participation in
355 interscholastic activities.

356 3. The Superintendent, or his designee, is responsible for ensuring
357 that this policy is followed and monitoring fair and equitable access to
358 extracurricular activities for all students.

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360 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Fla. Stat. §§ [1001.41\(2\)](#); [1001.43\(3\)\(c\)](#); [1006.15](#)

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362 LAWS IMPLEMENTED: Fla. Stat. § [1000.05](#); [1002.20\(7\)\(17\)\(18\)](#), [1006.07](#); [1006.15](#); [1006.16](#);
363 [1006.20](#); [1006.28\(3\)\(b\)](#); U.S.C., Title 42, Sec. 2000h-2-2000h-6 (Title IX,
364 1972 Education Act Amendments)

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366 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULES: [6A-19.002](#); [6A-19.004](#), F.A.C

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368 HISTORY: 5141; 2/28/72; 8/16/78; 4/4/79; 5/6/87; 8/17/88; 12/2/92; 2/18/98;
369 8/2/2004; 1/18/2012

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371 ***Cross References:***

372

[Board Policy 2.121 \(Student Activities in the Schools\)](#)

[Board Policy 2.21 \(School Requests of Payment from Students\)](#)

[Board Policy 2.40 \(Field Trips\)](#)

[Board Policy 5.324 \(Students with Life Threatening Health Conditions\)](#)

[Board Policy 2.404 \(Use of School Buses for Field Trips and Other Purposes\)](#)

[Board Policy 5.1813 \(Student Conduct Code for Secondary Students\)](#)

[Board Policy 5.182 \(Student Dress Code and Uniforms\)](#)

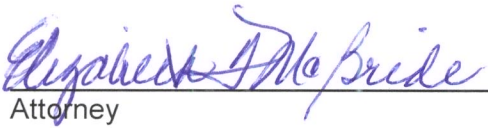
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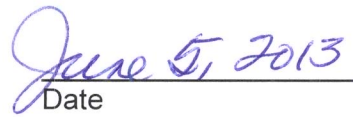
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Legal Signoff:

The Legal Department has reviewed proposed Policy 5.60 and finds it legally sufficient for development by the Board.



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Date