

COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM

BOARD POLICY NO. 1320

Attendance and Vacancies

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References: PL 7-79, §§ 9, 10, and 18¹; Board of Regents Bylaws, Article VI, §§ 3, 4, and 20 (2025)²

A. Attendance

Three consecutive absences, of any kind, of a board member from separately called meetings of the Board, called not less than 30 calendar days apart, automatically creates a vacancy in that board member's seat.

B. Removal of Members

Board members may be removed before the expiration of their terms by a three member majority vote of all the other voting members of the Board for incompetence, neglect of duty, unethical conduct, or malfeasance in office. Notification of intent to call for removal pursuant to this section shall be made at least 20 calendar days in advance, by means which shall be described in the bylaws, and includes a summary of the basis of the charges against the member and identification of witnesses to be called and evidence to be used. Original jurisdiction over any claim of wrongful removal by action of the Board shall be in the Trial Division of the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia.

C. Vacancies

Any vacancy on the Board is filled for the unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as the original appointment. Upon determination that a vacancy exists, the chairperson, or in his/her absence, the presiding officer of the Board issues a notice of vacancy to all members of the Board and to the appropriate governmental entities and parties responsible for filling the vacancy.

D. Notification of Vacancies

The Board of Regents shall notify the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, in writing, of the upcoming expiration of the term of board members 90 days before the actual expiration of the board member's term.

¹See https://fsmLaw.org/fsm/code/title40/T40_Ch07.htm#712

²See https://www.comfsm.edu.fm/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/COM-FSM_BOR-REVISED_Bylaws-2025.pdf