

Governance Overview Policy

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1. Purpose

This policy provides an overview of the NSRDDA's governance model.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all NSRDDA Board members and staff.

3. Policy Statement

The NSRDDA is a regulatory body under the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 2023* (Nova Scotia) (RHPA or *Act*, with the following objects under s. 6(1) of the *Act*:

1. To protect the public from harm
2. To serve and protect the public interest
3. Subject to the public interest, to preserve the integrity of our professions, and
4. To maintain public confidence in the ability of the NSRDDA to regulate the professions of dentistry and dental assisting.

In addition to the *Act*, the NSRDDA is guided by and must comply with general regulations and profession-specific regulations. The Board of the NSRDDA ("the Board") has been given specific bylaw-making authority under the *Act*. It has also been mandated, under s. 10(1)(e) to "establish governance policies consistent with this *Act* and the regulations." This Governance Manual represents a compilation of governance policies approved by the Board.

In keeping with provincial government expectations for all regulated health professions, the NSRDDA has adopted a **governance model** where the Board of the NSRDDA ("the Board") will function as a 'governance board' and not a 'working board.' As such, the Board has overall responsibility for the NSRDDA and the strategy for achieving its legal purposes. It will provide policy direction and strategic guidance to the NSRDDA, will make significant decisions reserved to it under the *Act*, regulations, bylaws or governance policies, monitor organizational performance and ensure the NSRDDA's compliance with and accountability under its legislative framework.

The Board affirms its commitment to monitor the evolution of regulatory governance best practices and to continuously improve the ongoing effectiveness and efficiency of the NSRDDA's governance.

4. Monitoring and Policy Review

The Chair of the Governance and Human Resources Committee will ensure that this policy is reviewed in accordance with the Board's policy review cycle or as required by significant operational or environmental changes.

5. Accountability

The Board Chair and the Registrar are accountable for ensuring compliance with this policy.