



COMMUNITY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE BY STATE

STATE REGULATED BOARD OF EDUCATION K-12

A unit under the **State Board of Education** that **regulates** community and technical colleges

Florida	Appointed local board of trustees
Iowa	Local elected board of trustees
Pennsylvania	Appointed local board of trustees
South Dakota Technical Colleges	No local board of trustees

STATE LEVEL GOVERNING BOARD FOR UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES

A state-level **consolidated board** that **governs** both universities and community colleges

Alaska	No local board of trustees
Arkansas	Local university board of trustees
Connecticut	No local board of trustees
Delaware	Local appointed board of trustees
Georgia ²	Local nominated board of advisors
Hawaii	No local board of trustees
Idaho	Local elected board of trustees
Massachusetts	Local appointed board of trustees
Minnesota	Locally nominated board of advisors
Montana	State system board of trustees
New York City (CUNY)	Local appointed board of trustees
Nevada	No local board of trustees
North Dakota	No local board of trustees
Rhode Island	No local board of trustees
Tennessee	No local board of trustees
Utah	Local appointed board of trustees
UW Two-Year Colleges	Local university board of trustees
Vermont	State system board of trustees

STATE LEVEL GOVERNING BOARD FOR STATE UNIVERSITIES

A state-level **governing board** for universities also **coordinates locally governed** community colleges

Kansas	Local elected board of trustees
New York (SUNY System)	Appointed local board of trustees

STATE LEVEL HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

A state-level **higher education board** that **coordinates/regulates locally governed** community and/or colleges

Maryland	Local elected board of trustees
Missouri	Elected local board of trustees
New Mexico	Local elected board of trustees
Nebraska	Local elected board of trustees
Ohio	Local appointed board of trustees
Oklahoma	No local board of trustees
Oregon ¹	Local elected board of trustees
Texas	Local elected board of trustees

INDEPENDENT STATE GOVERNING BOARD

An **independent state board** that **governs** community and/or technical colleges

Colorado ¹	No local board of trustees
Indiana ¹	Local appointed advisory committee
Kentucky ¹	No local board of trustees
Louisiana ¹	No local board of trustees
Maine ²	Local appointed board of trustees
New Hampshire ²	Local nominated advisory committee
North Carolina	Local appointed board of trustees
South Carolina	No local board of trustees
Virginia	Local appointed advisory committee
West Virginia ²	Local appointed board of trustees

INDEPENDENT STATE COORDINATING BOARD

An **independent state board** that **coordinates** locally governed community and technical colleges

California ²	Local elected board of trustees
Illinois ¹	Local elected board of trustees
Mississippi	Local elected board of trustees
Washington ¹	Local appointed board of trustees
Wisconsin Technical Colleges ²	Local appointed advisory committee
Wyoming	Local appointed board of trustees

NO STATE GOVERNANCE SYSTEM

No state level board or entity with authority over Community Colleges

Michigan	Local elected board of trustees
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Arizona
New Jersey
Nebraska

Local elected board of trustees
Local elected and appointed board of trustees
Local elected board of trustees

NOTE

1. Community College State Board functions with an overall coordinating agency for higher education.
2. Community College State Board that does not have a state higher education coordinating entity.

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