

**MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**  
**Policy and Procedures Manual**

SUBJECT: GOVERNANCE AND ORGANIZATION  
Policy 204.2 – Commissioner of Higher Education; Appointment  
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**I. Statutory authority:**

A. The board shall appoint a commissioner of higher education and prescribe his or her terms and duties. (Article X, Section 9(2)(c), Montana Constitution)

**II. Board Policy:**

A. The board shall select a commissioner according to a process established by the board. This process may vary from appointment to appointment depending on the circumstances facing the board and the preferences of the board members. The board may consult as broadly or narrowly as it wishes before making a selection and in whatever means it deems appropriate.

B. The board may also select an interim commissioner according to a process established by the board. This process may be less rigorous and less detailed than the selection process for a non-interim commissioner and it too may vary from interim appointment to interim appointment depending on the circumstances facing the board and the preferences of the board members.

History:

Item 112-101-R0901, commissioner selection policy – NEW; office of the commissioner of higher education, approved by the board of regents November 16, 2001.