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A. The Mission Statement of the Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH) can be found on the CCSNH Web site at <http://www.ccsnh.edu/mission.html>

### B. System Administrative Structure and Function

CCSNH is a public system of higher education consisting of seven independent colleges, plus local academic centers. An academic center is a location where classes are offered, but certain student services are provided at the primary College location. The System is led by a Board of Trustees, a Chancellor, and the College Presidents. CCSNH is organized pursuant to NH RSA 188-F.

The 19 voting members of the CCSNH Board of Trustees are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Executive Council. The members represent business & industry, education, health care, law enforcement, vocational education, labor, technology, CCSNH students and alumni, the community service sector, and the public. The Board sets Strategic Goals for the System and provides oversight at the policy level for the colleges within the System. Members of the public can access Board of Trustees meeting schedule, agendas and minutes of previous meetings.

The System Office is located in Concord on the campus of NHTI, has direct involvement in the NHTI's budget, purchasing, professional development, and human resources. For example, the Chancellor defines and chairs the System Leadership Team, which includes all College Presidents and selected System personnel. This team meets regularly alone and with the Board of Trustees to set System policies, fees, and tuition and to develop college budgets for Board and legislative approval; once approved by the legislature, each college's budget is managed by its President. The Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs meet regularly with the Deputy Chancellor to discuss issues and to propose academic policies and procedures affecting all campuses, such as the academic year calendar, grading policies, and new System initiatives. The System Office also supervises the Information Technology Department, which provides database management and computer infrastructure for all the colleges within the System.