As a public, two-year community college, Barton has no obligation to generate financial returns for investors, contribute to a parent organization, or support any external interests. It is responsible only to the communities it serves and to the State of Kansas. Barton Community College operates primarily to provide an educational system that offers [exceptional and affordable opportunities supporting student, employee, and community needs](https://docs.bartonccc.edu/accreditation/2022%20CRITERION%201/1.B%20EVIDENCE%20UPLOADED/1.B.2/1.B.2%20IE_Barton%20Mission.pdf). The six-member Board of Trustees and College administrators, faculty, and staff are committed to providing quality educational opportunities which benefit the taxpayers, students, and communities.

According to [Kansas Statute 71-201](https://docs.bartonccc.edu/accreditation/2022%20CRITERION%201/1.B%20EVIDENCE%20UPLOADED/1.B.2/1.B.2%20KS_Kansas%2071-201.pdf) "The board of trustees, in accordance with the provisions of law and the rules and regulations of the state board of regents, shall have custody of and be responsible for the property of the community college and shall be responsible for the management and control of the college."