Barton Community College ensures that the Board of Trustees is trained and knowledgeable to make informed decisions concerning the institution’s financial and academic policies and practices. Before the new trustee orientation session, the Assistant to the President, who serves as the Clerk of the Board, provides the newly elected Trustee access to relevant documents on the College website. These resources include the [Barton Policy Governance Manual](https://docs.bartonccc.edu/accreditation/2022%20CRITERION%202/2.C%20EVIDENCE%20UPLOADED/2.C.1/2.C.1%20P_Board%20Governance%20Manual.pdf), [Board Monitoring Reports](https://docs.bartonccc.edu/accreditation/2022%20CRITERION%202/2.C%20EVIDENCE%20UPLOADED/2.C.1/2.C.1%20P_Board%20Monitoring%20Reports.pdf), agendas and minutes for previous Board meetings, and other critical resources, including [Taxpayer Transparency](https://docs.bartonccc.edu/accreditation/2022%20CRITERION%202/2.C%20EVIDENCE%20UPLOADED/2.C.1/2.C.1%20P_Taxpayer%20and%20Student%20Transparency%20Data.pdf) reports. Furthermore, the Assistant to the President provides the Trustee with an iPad to conduct Board-related business and arranges for the IT Department to establish a Barton email account and training if needed.

As soon as possible, newly elected Trustees participate in an orientation session with the President and the Board Chair. The orientation session covers a general overview of the College, instructional programming, budget overview, the role of the Kansas Board of Regents, the role of the Board member and Policy Governance, meeting dates, and a tour of the College campus.

Newly elected and seasoned Trustees continue to participate in ongoing training throughout their tenure as Board members. Training resources and opportunities include:

* [Board Policy Governance Manual](https://docs.bartonccc.edu/accreditation/2022%20CRITERION%202/2.C%20EVIDENCE%20UPLOADED/2.C.1/2.C.1%20P_Board%20Governance%20Manual.pdf) - The Barton Board has adopted policy governance to oversee the College. The Manual includes information on the principles of Policy Governance, Executive (the President’s) Limitations, Board processes and responsibilities (including ACCT Model Standards of Good Practices for Trustee Boards), Board-President Relationship, END Statements, and the Board By-Laws.
* [Monthly Study Sessions](https://docs.bartonccc.edu/accreditation/2022%20CRITERION%202/2.C%20EVIDENCE%20UPLOADED/2.C.1/2.C.1%20P_Board%20of%20Trustees%20Study%20Session%20Agenda.pdf) – Study sessions allow Trustees to receive information and review issues and topics that affect the institution. Topics may include new programs, program reviews, financial reports, upcoming decisions, and policy governance updates. No action is taken at these informational meetings.
* Biannual Board Retreats – The fall and spring Board Retreats focus primarily on a review of institutional accomplishments, policy governance review, campus tours, and long-range planning.
* Opportunities to participate in Kansas Association of Community College Trustees, Kansas Board of Regents, and Association of Community College Trustees. Although participation waned during the pandemic, scheduling for participation is returning to normal.
* Special Training – To protect the integrity of the Barton cyber-infrastructure, all Trustees, employees, and students are required to complete online cyber security training.