



Board Policy: **Staffing and Employment**

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## **Board Policy on Staffing and Employment**

It is the policy of the Long Island Power Authority to foster a work environment that attracts and retains experienced professionals of diverse talents and backgrounds and promote an ethical and productive organization. In furtherance of these goals, the Board of Trustees:

- Appoints and, if necessary, discharges the Chief Executive Officer;
- Evaluates the performance of and determines the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer<sup>1</sup>;
- With the advice of the Chief Executive Officer, appoints the other Board-appointed Officers specified in the Authority's By-laws<sup>2</sup>.

Furthermore, the Board of Trustees authorizes and directs the Chief Executive Officer to:

- Manage the organization and staffing of the Authority, including hiring and terminating staff as necessary to enable the Authority to achieve its mission and values, while recognizing that diversity of talent, interests, background and experience is a key attribute to a healthy organization;
- Maintain staffing at the minimum level necessary to ensure that the Authority is able to meet its obligations with respect to its bonds and notes and all applicable statutes and contracts and oversee the activities of the Authority's service provider;
- Develop and implement human resource practices, programs, training, and initiatives that are consistent with this Policy, meet or exceed relevant laws and regulations, and ensure an ethical, safe, and discrimination/harassment free work environment, including:
  - a. an Employee Handbook that provides guidance to employees regarding their rights, benefits, and responsibilities and that addresses:
    - diversity and equal employment opportunity;
    - the Americans with Disabilities Act and reasonable accommodations;

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<sup>1</sup> The Chief Executive Officer's performance is evaluated by comparing the Authority's performance to the policies established by the Board and additionally to any annual individual performance goals established by the Trustees and communicated to the Chief Executive Officer in advance, in writing or transcript.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to the Authority's By-laws, the Board-appointed Officers include the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, and the General Counsel. The Chief Executive Officer may appoint such other Officers as he or she may from time to time deem necessary or desirable.

- intolerance for workplace bullying and harassment;
  - domestic violence and prevention of violence in the workplace;
  - timekeeping practices;
  - vacation, sick and other leave time benefits;
  - leaves of absence, including family and medical leave;
  - internal transfers and promotions;
  - reasonable travel and expense reimbursement;
- b. an Employee Code of Ethics and Conduct, including annual acknowledgement of receipt and compliance by each employee.
- Establish and administer compensation practices and benefits for the Authority's staff that are sufficient but not excessive to attract and retain a qualified, experienced workforce; are appropriate based on an individual's knowledge, skill, and contribution; motivate and reward individual accountability and performance; and encourage organizational flexibility and responsiveness to the Authority's mission and values. Such practices are informed by:
    - compensation and benefits of employees with similar skills at utilities of similar size and complexity;
    - an appropriate balance of compensation practices among public and private organizations;
    - industry and regional cost-of-living trends;
    - individual employee performance and contribution; and
    - a process that permits an employee to appeal in writing any compensation decision resulting from a performance evaluation.
  - Refrain from establishing or implying employment obligations to individuals of longer than one year or providing compensation that exceeds the level of the Chief Executive Officer without Board approval.
  - Establish policies and programs that support and encourage the personal and professional development of employees, including:
    - programs for continuing education, tuition reimbursement, and professional development;
    - core skills continuing education;
    - performance appraisal and enhancement;
    - management and leadership training; and
    - utility and public power industry learning.
  - Maintain a succession plan to address the inevitable turn-over of executives and staff with the least possible interruption to the operations of the Authority.

The Chief Executive Officer will report annually to the Governance, Planning and Personnel Committee on compliance with the key provisions of the Staffing and Employment Policy.