

Bylaws of the Board

Organization

The organizational framework of the Waterford Board of Education as established through Home Rule actions includes:

1. An elected Board of Education consisting of nine members, no more than six of whom may be from one political party
2. Terms of office of all members of the Board of Education shall be four (4) years, and elections held biennially. At the 1995 biennial election, and at each four year interval thereafter, five members shall be elected; at the 1997 biennial election, and at each four year interval thereafter, four members shall be elected.

Under State law, the First Selectman is an ex-officio member of the Board.

Legally, a Board-of Education derives its authority from the State. However, by custom and tradition, a local school board has responsibilities to the local citizenry it serves and, by ethics, to the education profession.

(cf. 9000 - Role of Board and Members - Powers, Purposes, Duties)
(cf. 9220 - Election of Members)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

- 9-203 Number and term of members of boards of education.
- 7-12a. First selectman to be chief executive officer and ex-officio member of town boards, commissions and committees
- 9-204 Minority representation on board of education.
- 9-204a Nomination and voting for full number of board members to be elected authorized.
- 9-204b Optional alternative system from towns with four year term and for board of education.
- 9-205 Election of board of education when number members revised.
- 9-206 Election of board of education in towns adopting biennial elections. Alternative rotation of terms and length of terms permitted.
- 9-206a Optional number of members and terms of board of education.
- 10-218a Oath of Office.

Charter of the Town of Waterford, Chapter III – Elected officers, section 3, 12.