

Personnel Committee Terms of Reference

Purpose:

To develop terms of employment and personnel policies within the goals and structures of the Corporation and to ensure that these are carried out by the appropriate people when necessary.

The committee is primarily policy-based and makes recommendations to the Board, or makes decisions within the authority delegated from the Board.

Composition:

As per general policy on Standing Committees and Board Composition.

(which says: "Personnel Committee: Up to 6 volunteer members are appointed by the Board of which 1 is a member of the Executive but is neither the Treasurer nor Secretary, and 1 is another member of the Board. In addition, a minimum of 2 staff representatives elected by staff for a 1 year term. A maximum of 4 staff representatives can be elected at a time. A minimum of 3 committee members will constitute a quorum.")

Role of Staff Representatives:

Staff representatives are full voting members of the committee. They are elected by staff for a 1-year term and can be re-elected without limit. At least one staff representative must be from among office workers and at least one must be from among field staff.

Their role is to provide a staff perspective on terms of employment and personnel policies, and any decisions to be made by the committee. Staff representatives are not responsible for conflict resolution, receiving and resolving complaints or acting as representative of individual staff to CCOC managers.

Staff representatives hold the same responsibility as other committee members to maintain confidentiality and privacy of discussions held *in-camera*. To protect the privacy of individual staff, staff representatives will not be present during *in-camera* portions of meetings that deal with individual staff members (such as requests for leave, professional development) if the individual staff member being discussed has requested their absence, or there is a clear conflict of interest.

Meetings:

As per general policy on Standing Committees and Board Composition.

Duties:

- Provide policy advice and strategic direction to CCOC's human resources functions.
- Advise and make recommendations to the board on policies, major initiatives and strategic priorities for human resources.
- Receive information and review changes to relevant employment laws and practices.
- Develop and update, as required, personnel policies, job descriptions, employee benefits, evaluation procedures, grievance procedures, hiring and firing procedures.
- Ensure input from staff, relevant volunteers and Board in the development, review and implementation of personnel matters described above.
- Ensure periodic (quarterly) review of staff leave and overtime
- Ensure periodic (quarterly) review of staff employment status
- Ensure that staff evaluations are carried out by management and that recommendations for salaries and benefits are made in a timely fashion with respect to budget preparation.
- Ensure that job descriptions and employment standards are up-to-date.
- Ensure that a process is in place to deal with grievances promptly and that appropriate people are consulted in the process.
- Ensure that necessary records are kept.
- Ensure confidentiality of staff evaluations and similar matters.
- Deal with any other personnel matters referred by staff, Board and Committees.

Roles & Responsibilities Regarding Personnel Related Activities & Issues

Unless noted, all actions and decisions must be approved by the Board of Directors.

In unusual circumstances, the Board may deal with any matter unilaterally.

Personnel Related Activities & Issues		Responsibility	Required input (in sequence)
1. •	Staff Structure developing and revising CCOC's departmental structure defining roles and reporting structure (including multiple job classifications)	Board*	 Director HR ED & Dept Directors Relevant Committee(s) Personnel
•	changing the number of Regular or Term staff	Board*	 1. ED & Dept Directors 2. Relevant Committee(s)
•	approving and amending job descriptions: defining levels of responsibility (individual job classifications), defining qualification requirements for staff positions	Personnel	 1. ED DeptDirectors 3. Personnel
•	changing the assignments of staff within a department (no change in job description)	Department Director	
2.	Hiring Term and Regular staff		
•	Preparing/issuing employment notices,	HR & Corp Serv Dept	
•	setting up hiring committee, screening applicants, interviews, checking references, informing all applicants, contacting with selected applicant	Hiring Manager	HR & Corp Serv Dept Ad Hoc Hiring Committee
•	Offer letters and compensation offers	HR Director	ED
•	Engaging casual staff, compensation offers	Department Directors	HR & Corp Serv Director

•	Conducting midpoint and endpoint probation review and successfully terminating probation	Department Directors/Supervisors	HR & Corp Serv Dept
•	Unsuccessful probation decision	Hiring Manager	Dept Director HR & Corp Serv Director
•	Appointing acting positions (less than six months)	Supervisor to the position	Supervisor to the position
•	Appointing acting positions (greater than six months)	Supervisor to the position	Dept Director Ad Hoc Hiring Committee
3.	Salaries and Terms of Employment		
•	maintaining CCOC Policies of Employment	Personnel	 HR Director Executive Director
•	setting annual adjustments to staff salaries and payments	Board*	 HR Director Personnel
•	setting annual fixed rates (mileage, family care, beeper, etc.)	HR Director	Personnel
•	granting exceptions for individual circumstances	HR Director	Executive Director Advise Personnel as needed
4.	Conflict Resolution		
•	defining conflict resolution mechanism	Personnel	HR Director
•	settling unresolved conflicts, decision to go to mediation	HR Director	
5.	Performance Standards		
•	conducting annual staff appraisals:		
	- Executive Director	President	Executive Committee
	- Other staff	Supervisor	HR Director

•	developing annual departmental and staff work plans	Department Directors	Committees
•	identifying & implementing a training and staff professional development program	HR Director	Staff/Personnel
•	initiating and conducting employee performance-related probation procedure	HR Director	Executive Director Department Directors (or Supervisors in consultation with Department Director)
•	Termination of staff		
	- Staff	Executive Director	HR Director / Dept Director
	- Department Directors	Executive Director	Advise Personnel Chair & Executive Committee

* The Executive Committee may act on behalf of the Board