



SAN FRANCISCO RETIREE HEALTH
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1.1 - INTRODUCTION

The governance and management of the Retiree Health Care Trust Fund (Fund) is subject to myriad requirements set out in laws, policies and procedures. Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board (Board) members must be familiar with these requirements to effectively and prudently carry out their duties and responsibilities.

To assist Board members in gaining such an understanding, ~~Fund staff has prepared this Board Governance Manual. The~~ current version of the ~~M~~manual contains:

- Terms of reference, which describe the roles and responsibilities of various decision-making bodies within the BoardFund;
- The governance policies, which set out how the Board will generally function, and how it will carry out some of its specific responsibilities;¹
- Various statutes, or parts of statutes, applicable to the Fund and the BoardFund.

This Board Governance Manual does not contain all of the laws and policy-type documents that apply to the Fund and the Board.

~~Management trusts that Board members and staff will find the Board Governance Manual helpful and welcomes any suggestions on how it may be improved.~~

¹ A useful way to distinguish between *terms of reference* and *governance policies* is that terms of reference describe the duties a party is expected to carry out, while the governance policies describe *how* certain duties are to be carried out. ~~For example, the Board's terms of reference indicate that it is expected to evaluate its own performance; the Board Self-Evaluation Policy describes the process by which the Board will evaluate its own performance.~~