

# EXECUTIVE AND GOVERNANCE POLICY

## 17.0

**Policy Title:** Indigenous Constituency Membership – Indigenous Citizenship Verification

**Last Approved:** October 2024

### BACKGROUND

The purpose of this policy is to ensure Indigenous voice is protected in the SSBA and, sets up criteria for membership into the Indigenous Constituency. All Executive and school board members who wish to be part of the Indigenous Constituency shall be subject to the policy.

Developing admission criteria for the Indigenous Constituency mitigates the risk of non-Indigenous voice participating in the election of the Indigenous Constituency representative. It also protects Indigenous voice in leading Indigenous education in Saskatchewan.

Direction to the Executive to establish this policy was provided by the SSBA Indigenous Constituency in April 2024.

### APPLICATION

The application of this policy is to all current and prospective school board members, including those who have previously self-identified as Indigenous, who are seeking membership in the SSBA Indigenous Constituency.

### POLICY STATEMENT

1. To be considered for Indigenous Constituency membership, a school board member must meet one of the following criteria for membership in the Indigenous Constituency.

Criteria	
Presentation of Indigenous government issued documentation (the list of acceptable evidence/documentation is referenced in the <i>SSBA Indigenous Constituency Membership - Indigenous Citizenship Verification Process</i> document) <b>or</b> ,	<input type="checkbox"/>
The decision of a Verification Vetting Panel based on acceptable presentation of verbal and historical evidence of Indigenous citizenship/membership.	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. When a Verification Vetting Panel is convened and presented evidence to consider, the decision of the Verification Vetting Panel is final.
3. The SSBA Executive will approve and maintain *the Indigenous Constituency Membership – Indigenous Citizenship Verification Process* document, which includes the steps for Indigenous Constituency Membership – Indigenous Citizenship Verification.
4. The SSBA shall maintain the list of the Indigenous Constituency and update as necessary.

### REFERENCES

SSBA Bylaw 4.1

SSBA Bylaw Appendix A

SSBA *Indigenous Constituency Membership – Indigenous Citizenship Verification Process* document