

## **FOREWARD**

The following Policies and Procedures Manual contains the Board of Trustees Rules and Regulations for governing the College as well as the Standard Operating Policies and Procedures for North Central State College. The Board Rules and Regulations are a result of reviewing and revising what was adopted in the Fall of 1995 and revised in fall of 2001. The first need to revise was driven, primarily, by the college name change in 1998-99 then again in 2001. The need to revise in 2009 was driven by a number of events including the adoption of the Carver model of policy governance, the incorporation of the North Central State Faculty Association under the American Association of University Professors, the development of the University System of Ohio as well as the desire to remain up-to-date with recent changes in the Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Administrative Code. More importantly, this task was undertaken to review the operational and conceptual purpose of the Board of Trustees. As we embark on the beginning of a new era in higher education, where the offering of College Credit Plus classes to our local high school students, the approval to offer the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees, the approval to offer baccalaureate degrees in Mechanical Engineering in Applied Technology and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing move the College closer to that of a full community college status while retaining the technical college classification. Considering the multitude of challenges our society has faced and continues to face, including demographics, health, cultural, and political pandemics; imaginary but practical leadership will be essential to continue to fulfill the mission of the college and help restore economical stability to the North Central State College District.

This Policies and Procedures Manual takes an enlightened approach to governance based on trust, empowerment, cooperation, delegation, and determination. The Governance Policies will assist the Board in building for the future while the Operating Policy and Procedures will guide the administration in achieving the direction that the Board sets for the College toward fulfilling its purpose in the North Central State College District and beyond. In short, these policies and procedures will serve as a vision into the future of community – board – college relationships.