

STANDARDS BOARD

Component

Documentation

<p>Chapter implements member accountability through the means of a Standards Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The make-up of the board must be clearly defined in the chapter's bylaws- The Executive Board may not serve as the chapter's disciplinary body; nor may any member of the board (outside of the Sergeant at Arms) participate in Standards Board processes- A process to provide transparency to those members called to a Standards Board must be in place- A member must have the opportunity to appeal a decision of the Standards Board to the alumni advisory structure AND/OR the chapter membership at large<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Chapter/Standards Board has processes outlined to address concerns of poor attendance, delinquent payment of dues, and other violations of chapter or Fraternity policies.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chapter bylaws with the relevant sections and points highlighted or marked.2. Any documents related to the operations of the Standards Board such as a Standards Board handbook, hearing notification form, incident report form, etc.
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About This Component

A well-functioning Standards Board ensures consistency in addressing concerns and frees up the elected leadership of the chapter to perform their duties effectively and without distraction.

Best Practices

- Consider your Standards Board the judicial branch of your chapter. Meetings and decisions should be transparent and fair, and members should have an opportunity to appeal if they feel it is not the case.
- Standards Boards benefit from stability. Consider making positions on your board appointed (though approved by the chapter) and until the board member resigns or is removed.
- Create a process to ensure that members of the standards board do not preside over meetings in which they have referred a member to the board.

- Designate which types of offenses require meetings of the full board. For example, an absence from a chapter meeting may first require a conversation with a member of the board or Sergeant at Arms. Further infractions may lead to a hearing with the full board.