

ACCT State-Based Governance Leadership Institutes



All presenters were excellent speakers. Slides were succinct & informative. Thank you for the handbook!

— New Jersey GLI participant,
Fall 2022

The Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) is pleased to partner with state community college associations, systems, and related organizations to design and deliver customized governance leadership training for community college trustees and presidents in their respective states.

State-based Governance Leadership Institutes (GLIs) are one- or two-day programs, facilitated by ACCT expert consultants, that provide information and training on key issues and principles of governance practice. Through interactive panels, small group discussions, case-study exercises, and informal networking, participants build expertise and work through real-world issues and challenges.

State-based GLIs are designed to complement ACCT's national programs events, such as national GLIs, the annual ACCT Leadership Congress, and the Community College National Legislative Summit. Content is developed collaboratively by ACCT and the partner organization, and may target new and/or experienced trustees and institutional leaders. State-specific issues, such as legislative statutes and requirements, are typically addressed, as well as broader governance topics such as:

- Roles and responsibilities of a public governing board
- Ethical governance and conflicts of interest
- The policy role of the board
- The Board's fiduciary responsibilities (financial, organizational, legal, ethical, and regulatory issues)
- Robert's Rules/parliamentary procedures
- Review standards of good practice (Board processes, officer roles, trustee effectiveness)
- Board processes (committees, officers, role of the chair)
- The Board/CEO relationship



It was local! It was in person! The panelists represented the topics and their community college well. I was surprised to learn a lot about Robert's Rules.

– Illinois GLI participant,
Fall 2022

Location and Logistics

ACCT recommends holding the GLI in a central location accessible to trustees from across the state. Programs take place in-person in order to facilitate networking, but accommodations for limited virtual participation or presentations may be considered. Ideally, GLIs take place on a community college campus, which provides meeting spaces, AV support, catering, etc.

Depending on the needs and preferences of the partner association, ACCT is able to handle logistical arrangements such as participant registration and hotel logistics.

Cost

State-based GLI pricing is based on a flat fee, charged to the partner association, for up to 20 participants. The fee range is \$9,000 – \$15,000, depending on length of the program (one or two days), number of facilitators (one or two), and ACCT's level of involvement in arranging logistics.

For each additional participant beyond the base 20, ACCT charges the association \$350 – \$750 per person, dependent on the same programmatic variables.

All participants receive a copy of ACCT's signature publication, *Trusteeship in Community Colleges: A Guide for Effective Governance*. This book provides a thorough overview of the roles, responsibilities, and limitations of governing boards and their members, and it serves to reinforce and build upon lessons learned during ACCT's GLIs.

ACCT will provide the partner association with a customized fee quote and services agreement following discussion and determination of these variables.

Getting started

State associations or other organizations interested in developing a GLI should contact Christina Simons, Director of Educational Programs and Events, at csimons@acct.org to arrange a phone call to discuss program needs and scheduling.

