The Trustees of Gaston College constitute the local administrative Board of the College, with such powers and duties as provided in this policy and as delegated by the State Board of Community Colleges and as enabled by North Carolina General Statute 115D. The powers and duties of the Trustees include the following:

1. Adopt and periodically review statements of philosophy and purpose which clarify basic educational beliefs and educational responsibilities of the College to the community.

2. Select and appoint the best qualified president.

3. Evaluate the performance of the President in accordance with the North Carolina Administrative Code.

4. Review and approve policies as part of the College’s policy manual.

5. Review and take appropriate action on matters relating to site selection and physical plant development.

6. Provide ways and means of financial support; approve the annual budget; review and approve expenditures per established guidelines.

7. Approve college curricula and policies necessary to promote the educational programs.

8. Review and approve administrative recommendations, including employee benefit programs.

9. Consider communications and requests from citizens and organizations on matters of policy, administration, and other items of public concern affecting the College.

10. Serve as final adjudicating agency for students and employees on matters of Board policy.

11. Serve as advocates for the College in the community and the state.

12. The Board of Trustees exercises all powers under provisions of the law to enable it to acquire, hold, and transfer real and personal property, to enter into contracts, to institute and defend legal actions and suits, and to exercise such other rights and privileges as may be necessary for the governance of the College and for carrying out the provisions of the law.
13. The Board of Trustees shall hold title to all real and personal property donated to the College or purchased with funds provided by local tax-levying authorities. An exception is that the Gaston College Foundation, Inc. may hold properties purchased or expressly given to it.