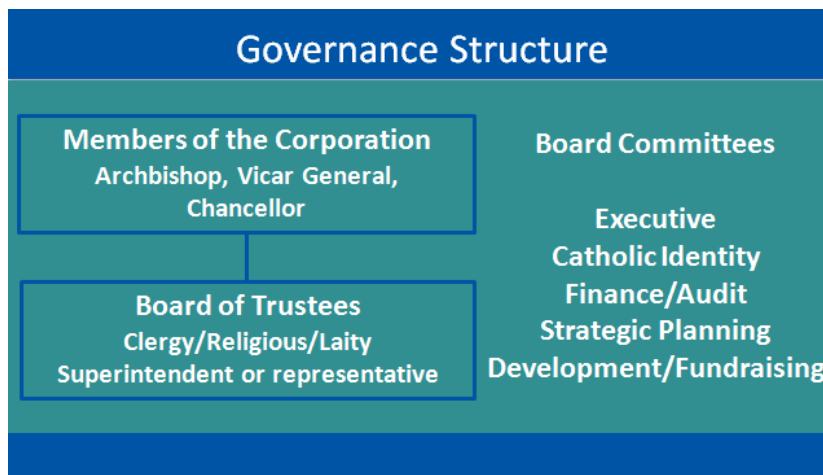




## How are the Regions Governed?

Each Catholic School Region is a separate not-for-profit educational corporation chartered by the New York State Education Department. Each Catholic School Region Corporation is governed by a two-tiered membership corporation with the Archbishop, Vicar General, and Chancellor at the top tier or Member level. Certain actions of the Region require approval by the Members (e.g., the Members must approve any Bylaw amendments and changes).

The next tier of the Catholic School Region Corporation is the Board of Trustees. Given the importance of Catholic education to the community and to the Church, the laity along with the clergy and religious were asked to serve on the Board of Trustees in each Region. The Board is responsible for the overall operations of the Catholic School Region Corporation. In addition to the Catholic School Region Corporation, some schools remain parish-based under the supervision of the pastor.



## What is the Composition and Structure of the Board of Trustees?

The Boards are comprised of between 10-20 Trustees. The Superintendent of Schools or his/her representative sits on the Board *ex officio* (i.e., by virtue of the title of their office). Clergy, religious, and laity are eligible to serve on a Board.

The Officers of the Catholic School Region Corporation include the Chair/President, Co-Chair/Vice President, Treasurer, and Business Manager/Corporate Secretary. Committees of the Board are formed from Board and non-Board members, who bring specific skills/experiences. The Executive Committee of the Board has all the power of the Board to act on behalf of the Board between Board meetings. Other standing committees focus on specific areas of school/Board functions (please see list in the graphic above).

A Regional Office, through the Office of the Superintendent and Global Regional School System Financial Operations, provides services to the schools within the Region. The Business Manager/Corporate Secretary, who is a paid employee of the Region, works with the Regional Office to ensure the effective day-to-day business operations of the Region under general oversight of the Board.