



BP 2715 Code of Ethics

The Board maintains high standards of ethical conduct for its members. Members of the Board are responsible to:

- Authorize the Superintendent/President to act as the Board Chief Executive Officer and shall confine Board action to policy determination, planning, overall approval and evaluation, maintenance of the fiscal stability of the District, hiring of competent personnel, and other duties and responsibilities as prescribed by law.
- Protect the interests of students in every decision and assure the opportunity for quality education for every student.
- Recognize and actively communicate that authority rests only with the whole Board assembled in a legally constituted meeting and make no personal promises nor take any action that would give the appearance of a conflict of interest.
- Use appropriate channels of communication.
- Respect the letter and intent of the Ralph M. Brown Act, taking official actions in public sessions.
- Recognize that the primary duty of every Trustee is to represent the general interest of the college district.
- Prevent conflicts of interest and the perception of conflicts of interest.
- Join with other members of the Board, staff, community, and students in becoming fully informed about the nature, value, and direction of contemporary education in our society.
- Devote time, thought, and study to the duties and responsibilities of a community college Board member so that effective and credible service may be carried out.
- Be scrupulous about any expenses for which they are reimbursed by the District.
- Maintain the confidentiality of privileged and closed session information.
- Maintain an atmosphere in which controversial issues can be debated openly and fairly, protecting the dignity of individuals.
- Respect others; acting with civility.

The Governing Board will promptly address any violation by a Board member or Board members of the Code of Ethics in the following manner:

All Board members are expected to maintain the highest standards of conduct and ethical behavior and to adhere to the Board's Code of Ethics. The Governing Board will be prepared to investigate the factual basis behind any charge or complaint of Board member misconduct. A Board member may be subject to a resolution of censure by the

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Governing Board should it be determined that Board member misconduct has occurred. Censure is an official expression of disapproval passed by the Governing Board.

A complaint of Board member misconduct will be referred to an ad hoc committee composed of two Board members not subject to the complaint. In a manner deemed appropriate by the committee, a fact-finding process shall be initiated and completed within a reasonable period of time to determine the validity of the complaint. The committee shall be guided in its inquiry by the standards set forth in the Board's Code of Ethics as defined in Board Policy. The Board member subject to the charge of misconduct shall not be precluded from presenting information to the committee. The committee shall, within a reasonable period of time, make a report of its findings to the Board for action.

Reference:

ACCJC Accreditation Standards IV.C.11