

## SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

### CODE OF ETHICS/STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

1020

#### **POLICY:**

The Board maintains high standards of ethical conduct for its members.

The following standards of performance establish a norm for trustee performance. The adoption of these standards is the Board commitment to a set of values guiding the performance of Board members.

Each member of the Governing Board shall:

1. Hold the educational welfare of the students of the District as a primary concern by:

*a.* Ensuring the District maintains equality of opportunity for all students without regard to national origin, religion, age, sex, gender, race, color, medical condition, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental disability, or because he or she is perceived to have one or more of the foregoing characteristics, or based on association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

*b.* Communicating the Board's interest in and respect for student accomplishments by attending student ceremonies and events.

2. Recognize that authority rests only with the Board in a legally constituted meeting and not with individual members.

3. Promote and maintain good relations with fellow Board members by:

*a.* Giving each member courteous consideration of his/her opinion.

*b.* Recognizing the importance of keeping an open mind and promoting the opportunity to think through other facts and points of view which may be presented at legally constituted Board meetings.

4. Recognize that he/she is responsible to all citizens of the District, not solely to those who elected the member. The authority delegated to the Board member by the voters must

be exercised with as much care and concern for the least influential as for the most influential member of the community.

5. Attend and participate in all meetings insofar as possible, having prepared for discussion and decision by studying all agenda materials.

a. Base decisions upon all available facts in each situation.

b. Maintain independent judgment unbiased by private interest or partisan political pressure.

c. Abide by and uphold the final majority decision of the Board.

6. Recognize that the primary function of the Board is to establish the policies by which Solano Community College District is to be administered. Welcome and encourage the active involvement of employees, students, and the public, and consider their views in deliberations and decisions as a Board member by adhering to the law and spirit of the open meeting laws and regulations.

7. Delegate authority to the Superintendent-President as the chief executive officer and confine Board action to policy determination, planning, overall approval and evaluation, and maintaining the fiscal stability and instructional integrity of the District.

8. Conduct all District business in open public meetings and hold Closed Sessions only for those purposes permitted by law. Maintain confidentiality of all privileged information communicated in Closed Session.

9. Avoid any situation that may constitute a conflict of interest. Inform the entire Board or the Board President when a matter under consideration might involve or appear to involve a conflict of interest.

10. Utilize opportunities to enhance his/her role as a Board member through participation in educational conferences, workshops, and training sessions offered by local, state, and national organizations. This also includes being informed about the actions and positions of state and national community college trustees' associations.

11. Adhere to the Board Code of Conduct adopted February 4, 2009.

12. Promptly investigate and address any violation by a Board member or Board Members of the Code of Ethics as stated in BP 1021, Violation of Code of Ethics.

**REFERENCES/**

**AUTHORITY:**

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