

MANUAL OF POLICY

Title	Code of Ethics for Board Members	1510
Legal Authority	Approval by the Board of Trustees	
Date Approved by Board	Board Minute Order Dated August 10, 1995 As Amended by Board Minute Order Dated July 15, 2004	

Each member of the Board of Trustees will strive to improve community college and higher education, and to that end shall adhere to the following ethical standards:

1. Bring about desired changes through legal and ethical procedures, upholding and enforcing all applicable statutes, regulations, and court decisions pertaining to community colleges and higher education.
2. Work with other Board members to establish effective policies and practices prohibiting unlawful discrimination, including conduct that constitutes sexual harassment.
3. Make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held Board meetings.
4. Render all decisions based on the available facts and the Trustee's independent judgment, and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups.
5. Encourage the free expression of opinion by all Board members.
6. Support the employment of the best-qualified persons to serve as college staff, and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff.
7. Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and refrain from using this Board position for personal or partisan gain.
8. Avoid private action that may compromise the Board or administration, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law.
9. Focus concern toward the needs of the community and the students attending the College.