

Board Member Standards of Conduct

A Board member should:

1. Understand that his/her basic function is policy-making and not administration of the College;
2. Understand that his/her position is nonpartisan;
3. Respect the rights of College patrons to be heard at official meetings;
4. Recognize that authority rests only with the Board in official meetings. An individual Board member cannot commit the Board to any action or posture unless specifically delegated by Board action to do so;
5. Respect the right of other Board members to have opinions and ideas which differ;
6. Recognize that decisions are made by a majority vote and should be supported by all Board members;
7. Make decisions only after the facts are presented and discussed;
8. Recognize that the Board must comply with the Public Meetings Law and only has authority to make decisions at official Board meetings;
9. Respect the opinions of other Board members and College staff;
10. Recognize that the President should have full administrative authority for properly discharging his/her professional duties within the limits of established Board policy;
11. Insist that all College business be transacted on an open, fair and honest basis—no hidden agendas;
12. Understand that you will receive information that is confidential and cannot be shared;
13. Refer complaints or problems to the President and support administrative action to answer complaints and solve problems;
14. Present personal criticism of any College operation directly to the President rather than to College personnel;
15. Recognize that the President is the Board's advisor and should be present at all meetings, except when the Board is considering the President's evaluation, contract or salary;

16. Take action only after hearing the President's or designee's recommendations;
17. Refuse to bring personal or family problems into Board considerations;
18. Give the staff the respect and consideration due skilled, professional employees;
19. Comply with the ethics laws for public officials provided in state law;
20. Remember that content discussed in executive session is confidential.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 162.015 - 162.035](#)

[ORS 162.405 - 162.425](#)

[ORS 192.630](#)

[ORS 244.010 - 244.130](#)

[ORS 341.283](#)

Cross Reference(s):

BBFA - Board Member Ethics and Conflicts of Interest