

**CHAPTER 2: BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD POLICY NO.: 2715**

**BOARD POLICY
SISKIYOU JOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

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

- Act only in the best interests of the entire community.
- Ensure public input into Board deliberations; adhering to the law and spirit of the open meeting laws and regulations.
- Prevent conflicts of interest and, where possible, the perception of conflicts of interest.
- Exercise authority only as a Board.
- Use appropriate channels of communication.
- Respect others; act with civility.
- Be informed about the District, educational issues, and responsibilities of trusteeship.
- Devote adequate time to Board work.
- Maintain confidentiality of closed sessions.

The Superintendent/President and Governing Board President are authorized to consult with legal counsel when they become aware of or are informed about actual or perceived violations of pertinent laws and regulations, including but not limited to conflict of interest, open and public meetings, confidentiality of closed session information, and use of public resources. Violations of law may be referred to the District Attorney or Attorney General as provided for in law.

Violations of the above standards will be addressed by the President of the Board, who will first discuss the violation with the Board member to reach a resolution. If resolution is not achieved and further action is deemed necessary, the Governing Board President may appoint an ad hoc committee to examine the matter and recommend further courses of action to the Board. Sanctions will be determined by the Governing Board officers {for committee} and may include a recommendation to the Governing Board to censure the Board member. If the President of the Governing Board is perceived to have violated the code, the Vice President of the Governing Board is authorized to pursue resolution.