

BP 2715 Code of Ethics/Standards of Practice

Reference:

Accreditation Standard 10.A.5.

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

The Gavilan Joint Community College District Governing Board, in recognition of its responsibility to the community it serves, and to the students and staff of the college for whom it must provide wise governance, affirms its commitment to the following statements of ethical conduct. These statements enlarge upon, or are in addition to, many of the Board's legal obligations, which are outlined in the board Policies Handbook.

Members of the Governing Board will:

1. understand that the Board's function is to provide leadership to the District through its review and evaluation of programs, planning, the development of policy, and maintaining the fiscal integrity of the District.
2. work together in a spirit of harmony and cooperation.
3. base their Governing board decisions upon all available facts.
4. use their position as a Board member solely for the benefit of the college district.
5. comply fully with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act. Maintain confidentiality of closed sessions.
6. maintain the confidentiality of privileged and closed session information.
7. in an honest and forthright manner, communicate to the college the needs of the community.
8. responsibly represent the educational needs of the District to all citizens.
9. ensure public input into board deliberations; adhering to the law and spirit of the open meeting laws and regulations.
10. prevent conflicts of interest and the perception of conflicts of interest.
11. exercise authority only as a board.
12. use appropriate channels of communication.
13. respect others; acting with civility.
14. devote adequate time to board work.

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