

Chapter 2 - Board of Education

BP 2715 -- Code of Ethics/Standards of Practice

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

- Act only in the best interests of the entire community.
- Ensure public input into college board deliberations; adhering to the law and spirit of the open meeting laws and regulations.
- Prevent conflicts of interest and the perception of conflicts of interest.
- Exercise authority only as a College Board.
- Use appropriate channels of communication.
- Respect others; acting with civility.
- Be informed about the college(s) educational issues, and responsibilities of College Board membership.
- Devote adequate time to college board work, including preparing for college board deliberations by reviewing the agenda and materials prior to meetings.
- Maintain confidentiality of executive sessions.

All College Board of Education members are expected to maintain the highest standards of conduct and ethical behavior and to adhere to the College Board's Code of Ethics. The College Board of Education will be prepared to investigate the factual basis behind any charge or complaint of college board member misconduct. A College Board of Education member may be subject to a resolution of censure by the College Board of Education should it be determined that trustee misconduct has occurred. Censure is an official expression of disapproval passed by the College Board of Education.

A complaint of College Board of Education member misconduct will be referred to an ad hoc committee composed of three College Board of Education members not subject to the complaint. In a manner deemed appropriate by the committee, a fact-finding process shall be initiated and completed within a reasonable period of time to determine the validity of the complaint. The committee shall be guided in its inquiry by the standards set forth in the College Board of Education's Code of Ethics as defined in policy. The College Board of Education member subject to the charge of misconduct shall not be precluded from presenting information to the committee.

The committee shall, within a reasonable period of time, make a report of its findings to the College Board of Education for action.

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Each member of the College Board of Education will reaffirm adherence to the Code of Ethics by signing a statement at the annual organizational meeting.

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References:

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