

BOARD POLICY

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SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Board members hold positions of public trust and shall conduct themselves in a manner that promotes confidence in the integrity, impartiality, and transparency of District decision-making. Board members shall avoid actual conflicts of interest, potential conflicts of interest, and situations that could reasonably create the appearance of a conflict of interest. When questions arise regarding a potential conflict, Board members are encouraged to err on the side of disclosure.

Board members and employees shall not be financially interested in any purchase or contract made by them or in any purchase or contract they make in their official capacity, or in any body or board of which they are members.

A Board member who has any actual, potential, or apparent financial interest (i.e. consulting agreement, employment, partnership, etc.) with the entity proposed for any contract or purchase considered by the Board shall disclose their interest during a Board meeting and have the disclosure noted in the official Board minutes. The Board member shall not vote or debate on the matter or attempt to influence any other Board member to enter into the contract or purchase.

A Board member shall not engage in any employment or activity that is inconsistent with, incompatible with, in conflict with, or inimical to their duties as an officer of the District.

In compliance with law and regulation, the Chancellor shall establish administrative regulations to provide for disclosure of assets, income, and arrangements for prospective employment of Board members who may be affected by their official actions, and prevent members from making or participating in the making of Board decisions which may foreseeably have a material effect on their financial interest.

Board members and designated employees shall file statements of economic interest (Form 700) with the filing officer identified within Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 2712 – *Conflict of Interest Code*. Statements of economic interest shall include disclosure of arrangements for prospective employment.

Board members are strongly encouraged to seek counsel from the District's legal advisor in every case where any question arises.

References:

*Government Code Sections 1090 et seq., 1126, and 87200 et seq.
Title 2 Sections 18730 et seq.*

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