



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3357:15-1-07 Board member's code of conduct.

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(A) The board expects ethical conduct by itself and its members. This includes proper use of authority and appropriate decorum in group and individual behavior when acting as board members.

(B) Board members must maintain unconflicted loyalty to the interests of the ownership. This accountability supersedes the personal interest of any board member acting as an individual consumer of college services.

(C) Board members must avoid any conflict of interest with respect to their fiduciary responsibility.

(1) There must be no self-dealing or any conduct of private business or personal services between any board member and the college except as procedurally controlled to assure openness, competitive opportunity, and equal access to "inside" information.

(2) Board members must not use their positions to obtain employment by the college or the furnishing of services or goods to the college for or by themselves, family members, friends, or associates.

(D) Board members may not attempt to exercise individual authority over the organization except as explicitly set forth in board policies.

(1) Board members' interaction with the president or with staff must recognize the lack of authority in any individual board member or group of board members except as noted in board policies.

(2) Board members' interaction with the public, press, or other entities must recognize the same limitation and the similar inability of any board member or board members to speak for the board.

(3) Board members will express no judgments of the president's or staff performance except as that performance is assessed in accordance with explicit board policies.



- (E) Board members will participate in educational activities, including state, regional, and national meetings, to enhance their ability to serve effectively as members of the college's governing board.

- (F) Board members will not permit themselves to be used to circumvent established lines of authority or interfere in the normal procedures for the processing of complaints or grievances.

- (G) Board members will not violate confidentiality including discussions which occur at legally held closed meetings of the board.

- (H) Board members will maintain attorney-client privilege. Any decision to waive that privilege requires approval of the Board.

- (H) Board members will not present an item for action or discussion at a board meeting which is not on the agenda unless item is approved for discussion by the board.

- (I) Board members must comply with attendance requirements according to state law.