BP 2715 - Board Code of Ethics

Reference: Accreditation Standard IV.B.1.a, e. & h.

The Board of Trustees of the Butte-Glenn Community College District maintains high standards of ethical conduct for its members and hereby adopts this Code of Ethics.

- Be bound by approved District policies and act only in the best interests of the entire community served by the District.
- Practice to the highest ideals of honor and integrity in all public and personal relationships in order that the trustees may merit the respect and confidence of other elected officials, appointed staff, and the public.
- Be informed about the district, educational issues, and responsibilities of trusteeship.
- Respect others and act with civility irrespective of the differences of opinion that may arise during discussion of points at issue.
- Board members shall comply with the Brown Act concerning communication among themselves regarding items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board and/or District, and in conducting open meetings and appropriate closed sessions.
- Recognize that all the trustees, as a Board, establish the College's policies and implementation of those policies rests with the appointed staff. Further, recognize that individual trustees have no legal authority outside the Board meetings. No Board member shall interpret Board authority in a manner that diminishes the administrative responsibility of any District employee.
- Handle all personnel matters on the basis of fairness and impartiality regardless of race, creed, sex, religion, age, physical ability, national origin, or political ideals.
- Seek no favor; believe that personal aggrandizement or profit secured by confidential information or by misuse of public office is dishonest. Avoid situations that may constitute a conflict of interest, or the perception of conflicts of interest.
- Participate in all Board meetings possible and notify the President of the Board or the Secretary to the Board of an expected absence from a Board meeting.
- Direct all requests for information through the Superintendent/President.

In the event of violation of this Code of Ethics, the board will take appropriate action (see Administrative Procedure 2715).

The initial Code of Ethics was adopted on October 1, 1992, and is reviewed annually.

Last Board Review/Adoption: June 24, 2009