



**AP 2715 Board Code of Ethics Violations**

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A complaint of trustee misconduct will be referred to an ad hoc committee of the Board comprised of three trustees 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 Code of Ethics as defined in BP 2715. The trustee subject to the charge of misconduct may present information regarding the matter to the committee. The committee shall, within a reasonable period of time, make a report of its findings to the Governing Board for action.

Possible courses of action include:

- If alleged behavior violates laws governing Board behavior, legal counsel may be sought and the violations referred to the appropriate County District Attorney or to the State's Attorney General as provided for in law.
- Should the ad hoc committee find that the complaint constitutes a minor violation that is not a violation of any applicable law, the committee may recommend that the Board President or Vice President discuss the violation with the Board Member by describing the impact of such violation and by offering mentoring or coaching assistance in order to assist the trustee to become more effective and to improve future Board performance.
- Should the ad hoc committee find that the complaint constitutes repetitive minor violations or is an additional complaint but does not constitute a violation of any applicable law, the ad hoc committee may recommend that the Board President and the Superintendent/President schedule a Board retreat with the entire Board of Trustees to focus on the issues identified in the ad hoc committee's report and recommendations and place the individual Board Member on warning of a possible censure unless the Board Member's performance improves.
- Should the ad hoc committee find that the complaint constitutes repetitive and/or significant violations not constituting the violation of any applicable law the ad hoc committee may recommend that the Board of Trustees consider the censure of the Board Member. A censure of a Board Member by a majority vote of the Board may include penalties of not recognizing motions made by the censured Board Member, not responding to the censured Board Member's comments, and/or not allowing the censured Board Member to hold any Board officer position.
- If the full Board, acting upon the ad hoc committee's written report, finds the actions of the Board Member to be so egregious and compelling, the Board could request the Board Member resign at once.