Conflicts of Interest

As a general principle, Board members shall act in a manner consistent with their responsibilities to the College and avoid circumstances in which their financial or other interests could present an actual, potential, or apparent conflict of interest or impair the College's reputation. Board members should avoid any actions or situations that might result in or create the appearance of using their association with the College for private gain, giving unwarranted preferential treatment to any individual or organization, losing independence or impartiality, or adversely affecting the College's reputation or public confidence in its integrity.

A. Board Member’s

1. No member of the Board shall directly or indirectly receive any compensation or remuneration, or derive any profit or gain by reason of his/her membership on said Board or by reason of his/her services to the college district. This prohibition does not include mileage reimbursement for travel to and from College-related activities.

2. In the event of any duality of interest or possible conflict of interest on the part of any Board member, that member shall abstain from voting. The foregoing requirements should not be construed as preventing the Board member from stating his/her position in the matter, nor from answering pertinent questions of other Board members since his/her knowledge may be of great assistance.

3. No Board member shall be a party, directly or indirectly, to any contract between himself or herself and the College.

4. In the absence of a conflict of interest on any matter coming before the Board for a vote, each Board member has an affirmative duty to vote. If there is a conflict of interest, and a Board member intends to abstain from voting, the nature of the conflict should be disclosed prior to the vote.

5. A Board member shall not hold two or more incompatible offices at the same time. "Incompatible offices" means offices held by a Board member which, when the Board member is performing the duties of any of the public offices held by the Board member, results in any of the following with respect to those offices held:

   a. The subordination of one public office to another.
   b. The supervision of one public office by another.
   c. A breach of duty of public office.

B. Board Member’s Family
No member of a Board member’s family may be employed by the College. Family is defined as spouse, child, parent, or sibling. This provision shall not apply to student employment.

C. Notice to New Board Member’s

New Board members shall be advised of this policy upon entering the duties of office.

Authority – MCL, §389.112; §389.125; §15.322, §15.181, §15.182

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