

Southwestern Oregon Community College**BP: 2020****BOARD ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Board of Education members are public officials and are required to abide by all requirements of ORS Chapter 244, and the rules and opinions of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission.

Conflicts of Interest

No Board member shall use his/her official position or office to obtain personal financial benefit or to avoid financial detriment for him or her, relatives, household members or for any business with which the Board member, household member, or a relative is associated. Relatives include spouse, domestic partner, children of the person, or spouse, or domestic partner, or the brothers, sisters or parents of the person, or the person's spouse or domestic partner and any individual to whom the person owes a duty of support.

Definitions

- Potential Conflict of Interest – When the Board’s action benefits a class of people – not the individual Board member or a business the Board member or their family is affiliated with.
 - Actual Conflict of Interest - When an individual Board member or their family could possibly benefit financially from the Board’s action.
1. For Potential Conflicts of Interest, the Board member may participate in discussion and is eligible to vote on the action item.
 2. For Actual Conflicts of Interest, the Board member must declare the actual conflict of interest and refrain from all discussion and voting on the action item.

Gifts

Board members may not solicit or accept a gift or gifts, including meals and entertainment, with an aggregate value in excess of \$50 from any single source in a calendar year that has a legislative or administrative interest in any issue over which the board has decision-making authority. All gift-related provisions apply to the Board member, their relatives, and members of their household.

Honoraria

A Board member may not solicit or receive, whether directly or indirectly, honoraria for the Board member or any member of the household of the Board member if the honoraria are solicited or received in connection with the official duties of the Board member. The honoraria rules do not prohibit the solicitation or receipt of an honorarium or a certificate, plaque, commemorative token or other item with a value of \$50 or less; or the solicitation or receipt of an honorarium for services performed in relation to the private profession, occupation, avocation or expertise of the Board member or candidate.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 244.010 - .400

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