

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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### A-19 POLICY Standards of Conduct

The Board of Governors shall:

Demonstrate the highest standards of personal integrity, truthfulness and honesty in order to inspire public confidence and trust in the Board and in Southeast Community College.

Show professional respect for other Board members, staff, faculty, students, and members of the public. Board members should ensure an atmosphere in which controversial issues can be presented fairly and in which the dignity of each individual is maintained.

Professional respect does not preclude honest differences of opinion; it does preclude attacking a person's motives or responsibilities.

Conduct official duties and personal affairs in such a manner as to avoid any conflict of interest. Do not use college resources for personal or privileged communications.

[Keep informed on emerging issues and problems at Southeast Community College.](#)

Avoid any interest or activity which conflicts unlawfully with the conduct of the Board's official duties.

Do not use College funds or equipment for personal use or gain.

Do not invest or hold any investment in any financial, business, commercial, or other private or public entity where transactions therewith may conflict unlawfully with legal duties as Board members.

Do not unlawfully participate in any manner in any Board discussion or decision where a potential conflict of interest exists. When in doubt, discuss a possible conflict with College legal counsel. Actual or potential conflicts must be formally disclosed to all Board members.

Do not use confidential information for personal gain or unauthorized purposes.

Do not seek to influence employment decisions at Southeast Community College. Publicly-elected Board members themselves may not be employed by Southeast Community College in any capacity, with or without compensation.

Do not represent or give the appearance of representing any special or outside interests before the Board.

Recognize that the Board's duty is to represent the entire community, while realizing that a need





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