

## 1.0 Attributes and Conduct Guideline

- 1.1 Although representing their own area of residence, Los Rios Community College District Trustees are elected to a Board of Trustees which governs a multi-campus community college district. It is, therefore, incumbent on each Trustee to exhibit equal interest, loyalty and concern for all Los Rios Community College District Colleges and facilities, and not just for the College situated in the Trustee's area of residence.
- 1.2 Board of Trustees members shall exhibit:
  - 1.2.1 A sincere and unselfish interest in public education and in the contribution it makes in the development of students.
  - 1.2.2 A knowledge of the community which the District is designed to serve and a willingness to assume a role of leadership in education.
  - 1.2.3 A sensitivity to the diversity of the residents of the District and a responsiveness to the needs and interests of students from all backgrounds.
  - 1.2.4 An ability to think independently, to grow in knowledge and to rely on facts rather than prejudices, and a willingness to hear all sides of controversial questions.
  - 1.2.5 A deep sense of loyalty to associates and respect for group decisions cooperatively reached.
  - 1.2.6 A respect for and interest in people, and an ability to get along with them.
  - 1.2.7 A willingness to work through defined channels of authority and responsibility.
  - 1.2.8 A willingness to devote the necessary time to become an effective Board of Trustees member.
- 1.3 Board of Trustees members should be well informed on the problems to be considered.
- 1.4 An individual Board of Trustees member has no legal right to promise action or correction, and has a moral obligation to refrain from doing so.
- 1.5 Individual Board of Trustees members should inform the Chancellor of complaints and criticism even though no action is requested. In turn the Board of Trustees should be kept informed by the Chancellor.
- 1.6 Efforts should be made to seek agreement in the deliberate business of the District. Although differences of opinion may exist, both sides should examine their motives and objectives, and attempt to resolve public differences if split rolls frequently occur.

- 1.7 The Board of Trustees shall maintain an effective program for new member orientation and ongoing Board of Trustees member development.
- 1.7.1 The Board of Trustees President and the Chancellor shall conduct an orientation session for all new Board of Trustees members.
  - 1.7.2 New Board of Trustees members shall be encouraged to attend the new Board of Trustees member orientation programs of the California Community College Trustees Association and the Association of Community College Trustees.
  - 1.7.3 Board of Trustees members shall be encouraged to participate in professional activities designed for community college trustees.

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