

ARTICLE III
DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2300. POWERS AND DUTIES GENERALLY. The Board of Trustees may execute any powers delegated by law to it or the District of which it is the governing board, and shall discharge any duty imposed by law upon it or upon the District of which it is the governing board. The Board is an independent policy-making body that reflects the public interest in Board activities and decisions.

EC 72200

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2300.10 Statement of Ethical Values and Code of Ethical Conduct.

The Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District consists of seven members elected at large and one Student Representative selected by the associated student organizations. In the performance of their governance responsibilities, individual members of the Board shall adhere to the following principles:

Statement of Ethical Values

The Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District endorses the following statement of ethical values, and asks each member of the Board to commit to adhering to these values:

Trustworthiness. As a Trustee, I will strive to earn the trust of others. Being trustworthy requires honesty, integrity, reliability, and loyalty.

- Honesty: I will be sincere, truthful, and straightforward.
- Reliability: I will keep my promises.
- Loyalty: I will promote and protect the interests of the District and its colleges.

Respect. As a Trustee I will treat others with respect, even in disagreement, and do my best to earn the respect of others. Being respectful requires civility and courtesy, as well as tolerance for legitimate differences and a willingness to acknowledge that reasonable people can respectfully hold divergent views.

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Responsibility. As a Trustee I am willing to make decisions and choices and I will be accountable for them. I will do the best I can by being careful, prepared, and informed. I will finish tasks that I have promised to do. I will lead by example.

Fairness. As a Trustee, I will use open and impartial processes for gathering and evaluating information so that those who disagree with a decision can understand how it was made. I will avoid favoritism or prejudice.

Caring. As a Trustee, I am genuinely concerned about the welfare of others. As public officials, we care about the common good and welfare of the communities and constituencies we serve.

Citizenship. As a Trustee, I will obey the Law, contribute to the community through service and leadership, advocate for the common good and the welfare of the communities we serve, and act in ways that manifest concern for the environment.

Integrity. As a Trustee, I will conform to the provisions of the Education Code as they relate to the award of contracts and employment. I will be consistent in decision-making and behavior and base decisions on a core set of values.

Code of Ethical Conduct

As a Trustee:

- I recognize that governing authority rests with the entire Board, not with me as an individual. I will give appropriate support to all policies and actions taken by the Board at official meetings.
- I recognize that the Chancellor is the Trustees' sole employee; I pledge to work with the Chancellor in gathering any information from staff directly that is not contained in the public record.
- I will consider all relevant facts and perspectives in making decisions.
- I will participate in the development of policy and the approval of strategy for the District and respect the delegation of authority to the Chancellor and Presidents to administer the institution. I will avoid involvement in day-to-day operations.

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- I will maintain confidentiality about issues discussed in Closed Session.

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Trustee Sanctions

2300.11 Sanctions

A. Bases for Sanctions – Any Trustee of the Los Angeles Community College District may be sanctioned on the following bases:

1. Violation of District rules and regulations, including but not limited to the Statement of Ethics and the Standards of Conduct on Campus articulated in Chapter 9 of the Board Rules;
2. Violation of state or federal law;
3. Conduct likely to create liability for the District; or,
4. Any other conduct incompatible or inconsistent with the position of Trustee.

B. Forms of Sanction – Sanctions of a Trustee may be imposed in the following forms:

1. Reprimand;
2. Censure;
3. Requirement for the repayment of District funds;
4. Bar from reimbursement for expenses with District funds;
5. Removal from an officer position; or,
6. Withholding of pay.

C. Votes required:

1. Five affirmative votes shall be required for the imposition of a sanction on a Trustee;

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2. Notwithstanding any annual confirmation regarding the authority of the Student Trustee, the Student Trustee is not eligible to move, second or vote upon the imposition of a sanction on a Trustee. However the Student Trustee maintains the right to participate in the discussion of a potential sanction;

D. Procedure:

1. Presentation of Initiating Motion

- a. Prior to the consideration of a motion for the imposition of a sanction on a Trustee, a motion must be presented and adopted that articulates the charges upon which the sanction will be based and the proposed sanction, called an Initiating Motion.
- b. The adoption by the Board of an Initiating Motion is not the imposition of a sanction. The adoption is a determination that the charges, if proven to be true, would warrant the imposition of the proposed sanction.
- c. In preparing an Initiating Motion, any regular Trustee shall be entitled to the reasonable assistance of staff for the ministerial function of preparing the motion, and the reasonable assistance of staff for information in support of that motion. Information in support of the motion shall be requested and supplied through the Chancellor.
- d. In keeping with Board Rule 2409.11, any such information will be provided to all Trustees, and it shall be provided no later than the time the Trustees are presented with the posted agenda that includes the proposed motion. Inasmuch as the consideration of a sanction is a matter of public record, such information will also be treated as a public record, except that the materials made available to the public may be redacted to protect the rights of privacy of students or employees, or to protect the privileges for attorney-client communications or attorney work-product.
- e. Witnesses or other evidence shall not be presented in support of or in opposition to the Initiating Motion.

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2. Presentation of Sanctions Motion

- a. If a majority of the Board adopts the Initiating Motion, the moving Trustee may then place a motion on the agenda for consideration of the charges and proposed sanction, called a Sanctions Motion.
- b. A Sanctions Motion shall be heard only upon a minimum of ten calendar days' written notice, served by regular first class mail, upon all the Trustees. The responding Trustee shall be entitled to a postponement to the next Board meeting following the Board meeting in which the Sanctions Motion was first posted.
- c. In the preparation of the Sanctions Motion, the moving Trustee shall be entitled to the assistance of staff for the ministerial function of preparing the motion, and the reasonable assistance of staff for information in support of that motion. Information in support of the motion shall be requested and supplied through the Chancellor.
- d. In the preparation of a response to the Sanctions Motion, the responding Trustee shall be entitled to the reasonable assistance of staff for the ministerial function of preparing any written response to the motion, and the reasonable assistance of staff for information in support of that response. Information in support of the motion shall be requested and supplied through the Chancellor.
- e. In keeping with Board Rule 2409.11, any such information will be provided to all Trustees, and it will be provided no later than the time the Trustees are presented with the posted agenda that includes the proposed motion. Inasmuch as the consideration of a sanction is a matter of public record, such information will also be treated as a public record, except that the materials made available to the public may be redacted to protect the rights of privacy of students or employees, or to protect the privileges for attorney-client communications or attorney work-product.

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- f. If the moving Trustee or responding Trustee seeks to present witnesses on the hearing of the sanctions motion, the applicable Trustee shall submit a request to the Chancellor no later than four business days' prior to the hearing date of the motion. The Chancellor may direct employees or invite other witnesses as the Chancellor deems reasonable and appropriate.
3. Legal counsel - Any opinions or advice of legal counsel regarding the Initiating Motion or the Sanctions Motion must be provided to all regular Trustees. Therefore, any individual Trustee who seeks advice confidential from other Trustees, or representation before the remainder of the Board regarding the motions, must obtain it at his or her personal expense.
4. Time allocation – A Trustee who is the subject of an Initiating Motion or a Sanctions Motion shall be given a reasonable amount of time to respond to the motion, but in no event less than fifteen (15) minutes. In the event witnesses will be presented by either the moving Trustee or responding Trustee, five minutes will be allocated to each witness. The remaining Trustees will be given an opportunity to ask questions of each witness. The time allocation enumerated for this procedure is a discrete allocation from a public speaker's exercise of his or her rights to address the Board.

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2301. GOVERNANCE. The Board of Trustees shall establish rules and regulations not inconsistent with the regulations of the Board of Governors and the laws of this State for the government and operation of the community colleges in the District and delegate appropriate authority to officers, employees, or committees of the District, the college, or the governing board.

EC 72282

Adopted 12-02-69

2301.10 Board Self-Evaluation. Each Fall, the Board of Trustees will perform a self-evaluation. The Board's self-evaluation process may include a formal survey of stakeholders and constituents such as senior District management, College Presidents, the District Academic Senate President, representatives of collective bargaining units, and others. The Board will conduct its annual self-evaluation during a public session during which the Board will review the results of any data collection or survey process, assess its performance during the preceding year, and establish new annual goals.

Adopted 10-17-07

2302. GROWTH. The Board of Trustees is responsible for growth in both academic and physical areas.

Adopted 12-02-69

2302.10 Plans for Growth and Development. The Board shall establish policies for and approve current and long-range educational plans and programs and promote orderly growth and development of the community colleges within the District.

EC 72231

Adopted 12-02-69

2302.11 Master Plans. The Board shall establish policies for and approve academic master plans and long-range master plans for facilities. The Board of Trustees shall submit such master plans to the Board of Governors for review and approval.

EC 71028, 72231.5

Adopted 12-02-69

2303. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. The Board of Trustees shall establish policies for educational programs.
- Adopted 12-02-69
- 2303.10 Total Educational Program. The Board shall establish policies for and approve the total educational program of the community college or colleges in the District.
- EC 72283 (a)
- Adopted 12-02-69
- 2303.11 Submission to Board of Governors. The Board shall establish policies for and approve all educational programs and submit such programs to the Board of Governors for approval. For purposes of this subsection, “educational program” is defined as a series of courses leading to a degree, a certificate, a diploma, or transfer to another institution of higher education.
- EC 78200
- Adopted 12-02-69
- 2303.12 Individual Courses. The Board shall establish policies for and approve individual courses without referral to the Board of Governors.
- EC 78200
- Adopted 12-02-69
- 2303.13 Classes for Noncredit Education. The Board shall approve all classes for noncredit education and shall submit such classes as are eligible for state apportionments to the Board of Governors for approval.
- EC 72283 (b)
- Adopted 12-02-69
Amended 01-30-13
- 2303.14 Programs Under Various Acts. The Board shall approve and provide such classes, programs, and facilities under the provisions of special acts as deemed appropriate.
- EC 72283 (c)
- Adopted 12-02-69
Amended 01-30-13

2303.15 All Other Programs and Services. The Board shall establish policies for and approve all other programs and services of the community college except as provided by the Education Code.

EC 72283 (d), 78200

Adopted 12-02-69
Amended 02-04-76

2303.16 Adoption of Instructional Materials. The Board shall establish policies for and approve procedures for the adoption of instructional materials after appropriate consultation with the Academic Senate.

EC 72283 (e)

Adopted 12-02-69
Amended 01-30-13

2304. COLLEGE CALENDAR. The Board of Trustees shall determine which holidays it will observe and on what days it will observe them within the framework of providing the necessary number of days of instruction to qualify for state apportionments.

EC 72284

Adopted 12-02-69

2304.10 School Holidays. Colleges and offices of the Los Angeles Community College District shall be closed on the following holidays:

New Year's Eve Day
New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Day
Lincoln Day
Washington Day
Cesar Chavez Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Eve Day
Christmas Day

Veterans Day shall be observed on November 11, unless an action of the Board of Trustees provides for a different day as provided in Education Code Section 79020 (f), (g) and (i).

Lincoln Day shall be observed on the Friday immediately preceding Washington Day, unless an action of the Board of Trustees provides for a different day as provided by Education Code Section 79020 (f) and (j).

If a holiday falls on Saturday, colleges and offices will be closed on the preceding Friday.

If a holiday falls on Sunday, colleges and offices will be closed on the Monday immediately following.

EC 79020

Adopted 12-09-69
Amended 08-06-80
Amended 01-16-85
Amended 12-17-86
Amended 09-25-91
Amended 01-18-95
Amended 07-09-96

However, as to the Christmas and New Year's Days consecutive holidays, if Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on Saturdays, those holidays will be celebrated on the following Mondays.

If Christmas Eve Day and New Year's Eve Day fall on Sundays, those holidays will be celebrated on the preceding Fridays.

EC 79020

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Amended 08-06-80
Amended 01-16-85
Amended 12-17-86
Amended 09-25-91
Amended 01-18-95
Amended 07-09-96

2304.11 Other Holidays. The Board of Trustees may declare other days school holidays and close the colleges and offices thereon when good reason exists.

Under provisions of this rule, Admission Day is declared a school holiday and all District colleges and offices shall be closed. Admission Day shall be observed the Tuesday after Labor Day or another date so specifically declared by the Board of Trustees.

The afternoon of the Friday of Spring break, as determined by the academic calendar, shall be considered a holiday and all District colleges and offices shall be closed.

EC 70902, 79020, 79021

Adopted 12-09-69
Amended 08-06-80
Suspended 09-03-86
Amended 08-26-87
Amended 07-09-96

2304.12 Closing of Colleges by Chancellor or College President. The Chancellor or College President may direct the closing of any college whenever, in the Chancellor's or College President's discretion, such a closure appears necessary to insure the health and safety of the students or when the Governor of the State or the President of the United States declares a legal holiday. Any such action by the Chancellor shall be submitted to the Board for confirmation at its next regular meeting. The reopening of any school so closed shall be authorized when the Chancellor determines that the conditions that necessitated the closing have ceased to exist.

Adopted 12-09-69
Amended 08-06-80
Amended 01-30-13

2305. ACADEMIC STANDARDS. The Board of Trustees shall establish academic standards, probation and dismissal and readmission policies, and graduation requirements not inconsistent with the minimum standards adopted by the Board of Governors after appropriate consultation with the Academic Senate.

EC 72885

Adopted 12-02-69
Amended 01-30-13

2306. BUDGET. The Board of Trustees shall determine and control the District's operational and capital outlay budgets and shall submit the budgets to such agencies as required by law. The Board of Trustees shall determine the need for elections for override tax levies and bond measures and request that such elections are called.

EC 72286

Adopted 12-02-69
Amended 01-30-13

2307. DISTRICT PROPERTY. The Board of Trustees shall manage and control District property. The Board may contract for the procurement of such goods and services as authorized by law.

EC 72287

Adopted 12-02-69

2308. GIFTS, GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS. The Board of Trustees may receive and administer gifts, grants, and scholarships.

EC 72288

Adopted 12-02-69

2308.10 Monument Policy

- A. Monument, defined. As used in this Board Rule, a “monument” is a statue, sculpture, or other installation intended to honor an individual, group, or event that the District installs in response to an offer by an outside party, on District-owned property.
- B. Proposed Donations from Outside Parties. Parties seeking to donate a monument for installation at a campus must submit a written request to the respective College President. The request shall include the following:
 - 1. The name of the individual, group, or event the proposed monument is meant to honor;
 - 2. A description of the significant impact and/or meritorious contribution the individual, group, or event has made to the college or District;
 - 3. A visual depiction or model of the proposed monument;
 - 4. A description of the proposed placement site, the monument’s anticipated size dimensions, composition materials, and the processes for its construction, installation, and maintenance; and
 - 5. An explanation of the funding mechanism for construction, installation, and maintenance of the proposed monument, if accepted by the District.
- C. Consideration of Proposed Donations. The College President shall forward requests to a campus-based College Monument Committee (“CMC”). The College President shall determine the composition of the CMC and designate appointees to the CMC or designate an existing campus committee to serve as the CMC. The CMC will consider the request with the following criteria:
 - 1. The appropriateness and suitability of the proposed monument with the campus and its academic programs, as defined by the CMC;

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2. The compatibility of the proposed monument with the facilities master plan and anticipated future uses of the site;
3. Public safety;
4. The sufficiency of funding for construction, installation, removal, and maintenance;
5. Whether the proposed monument would impermissibly promote a particular religion in violation of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution;
6. Whether the proposed monument would impermissibly urge the support or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate in violation of Education Code section 7054; and
7. Monuments honoring a specific living person are allowed.

After consideration of the request, the CMC will forward its written recommendation to the College President. The College President may recommend acceptance of the proposed monument to the Board. Additional conditions for the donor and/or the proposed monument may be imposed before a recommendation is forwarded to the Board.

- D. Action by Board. The Board is under no obligation to accept any proposed monument.
1. If accepted by the Board, the donated monument becomes the property of the District.
 2. The District will, as a condition of acceptance of the monument, require a waiver of rights under the Visual Arts Rights Act (17 U.S.C. § 106A) and/or Civil Code section 987.
 3. The District reserves the right to remove any donated monument, should the monument create a public safety issue, and/or funding for the maintenance or repair of the monument becomes unavailable.

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2309. FEES. The Board of Trustees may establish such student fees as it is authorized to establish by law.

EC 72289

Adopted 12-02-69

2309.20 International Student Application Processing Fee. The Board of Trustees authorizes collection of a Foreign Student Application Processing Fee pursuant to California Education Code Section 76142. This section allows the District to charge an application fee not to exceed the lesser of the actual cost of processing application documents or one hundred dollars (\$100).

No processing fee shall be charged to an applicant who is eligible for an exemption from non-resident tuition pursuant to California Education Code Section 76140, or who can demonstrate economic hardship.

Fees collected will not be refundable and will be used to support the operating budgets of college foreign student offices.

Adopted 02-24-93
Amended 08-23-06

2309.30 International Student Medical Insurance Fee.

Effective beginning with the Fall 2007 semester, International students attending a college in the Los Angeles Community College District under an F or M visa shall be charged a medical insurance fee equal to the cost of medical insurance purchased by the District on the student's behalf.

In exchange for the International Student Medical Insurance fee, international students will be provided with a medical insurance policy with the following minimum coverage:

- (1) medical benefits of at least \$50,000 per accident or illness;
- (2) repatriation of remains in the amount of \$7,500;
- (3) expenses associated with the medical evacuation of the student to his or her home country in the amount of \$10,000, and;
- (4) a deductible not to exceed \$500 per accident or illness.

Adopted 08-23-06
Amended 01-24-07
Amended 01-30-13

Effective only for the Spring and Summer 2007 terms, international students attending a college in the Los Angeles Community College District under an F or M visa shall be required to demonstrate that they have medical insurance equal to or better than the above coverage, or be required to purchase medical insurance from a the vendor selected by the Los Angeles Community College District. All international students with F or M visas will be charged the international student medical insurance fee starting the Fall 2007 semester.

Title 5, C.C.R., 51012
Title 22, C.F.R. 41.61, 62.14

Adopted 08-23-06
Amended 01-24-07
Amended 01-30-13

2310. PERSONNEL. The Board of Trustees shall employ and assign all personnel consistent with the minimum standards adopted by the Board of Governors. The Board of Trustees shall establish employment practices, salaries and benefits for all employees consistent with the laws of this state.

EC 72290

Adopted 12-02-69

2311. AUXILIARY SERVICES. The Board of Trustees shall provide such auxiliary services as deemed necessary to achieve the purpose of the community college.

EC 72291

Adopted 12-02-69

2312. STUDENT CONDUCT. The Board of Trustees shall establish rules and regulations governing student conduct.

EC 72292

Adopted 12-02-69

2313. FEDERAL FUNDS. The Board of Trustees is authorized to apply directly to federal agencies or state agencies operating federal programs in order to obtain federal funds in accordance with general policies established by the Board of Governors.

EC 72293

Adopted 12-02-69

2314. STUDENT EQUITY PLANS

In order to promote student success for all students, a Student Equity Plan shall be adopted by each of the colleges in the Los Angeles Community College District as required by law. Each plan shall be adopted in consultation with the various college constituencies in keeping with the college's shared governance policy.

Adopted 06-28-00
Amended 04-18-01
Amended 01-30-13

2315. ASSOCIATE IN ARTS AND ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREES. The Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District shall confer degrees of associate in arts or associate in science upon one who has satisfactorily completed prescribed courses.

The Board of Trustees may also grant honorary associate in arts and associate in science degrees from a District community college to honor an individual who has made a contribution to society that is generally recognized and esteemed.

EC 66701
Title 5, Section 55806, 55809

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Amended 05-23-84