

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.

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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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