

The Board of Trustees defines roles and relationships among its members and employees groups. Board members will:

- Follow General Duties including:
 - Serve the college, community, and state as public servants acting in the best interest of the voters who elected them.
 - Adhere to roles and responsibilities as set forth by the State of Illinois in regard to college trusteeship.
 - Oversee the financial stability and accountability of the college.
 - Serve the college and district residents as a single entity.
 - Keep the welfare of the students as the primary concern for action.
 - Follow the rules and regulations of open session meetings.
 - Practice strict confidentiality of all conversation during closed session meetings.

- Follow Board Operational Duties including:
 - Attend all board meetings when possible.
 - Be prepared for board meetings by having read the supplied board packet.
 - Work cooperatively with other trustees on college business demonstrating willingness to air differences in civil and lawful discussion and debate.
 - Provide mentorship to new trustee members.
 - Demonstrate ethical behavior and professional conduct.
 - Demonstrate an understanding that the Board makes policy and the CEO (President) executes that policy.
 - Ensure board committees and subcommittees work off of strategic agendas.

- Conduct Communication and Relationship Protocol including:
 - Conduct relations with the college staff, community members, and media with the acknowledgement that an individual board member has no legal authority to take action.
 - Avoid special interests by making judgments based on sound evidence and in the best interest of the students and college community.
 - Stay informed of valuable trends in higher education and in particular community colleges in the nation, state, and region.
 - Foster goals and positions for relationships with elected local, state, and national leaders.
 - Support the role of the board chair as spokesperson for the Board and liaison to the CEO.

The board chair will create a cohesive unit by 1) keeping current on important issues that affect the college; 2) being the spokesperson for the board; 3) guiding the orientation process for new board members; 4) presiding at board meetings as facilitator; 5) representing the board and working closely with the CEO; 6) fostering collaboration among the board.

Adopted:

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