

3 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES CODE OF ETHICS**
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6 As a member of the San Bernardino Community College District Board of Trustees, I will
7 perform my duties in accordance with my oath of office. I am committed to serve the individual
8 needs of the citizens of the District. My primary responsibility is to provide learning opportunities
9 to each student regardless of sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, age, marital status, national
10 origin, or handicap.

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12 It is my further responsibility to:

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14 1. Devote time, thought, and study to my duties as a San Bernardino Community
15 College District Board Member so that I may render effective and creditable
16 service.
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- 18 2. Work with my fellow Board Members in a spirit of harmony and cooperation in
19 spite of differences of opinion that may arise during vigorous debates of points of
20 view.
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- 22 3. Base my personal decisions upon all available facts in each situation, vote by
23 honest conviction in every case unswayed by partisan bias, and abide by and
24 uphold the final majority decision of the Board.
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- 26 4. Remember at all times that as an individual I have no legal authority outside the
27 meetings of the Board, and conduct my relationships with college staff, students,
28 and local citizenry, and the media on that basis.
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- 30 5. Be aware that I am responsible to all citizens of the District, and not solely to
31 those who elected me. The authority delegated to me by the voters must be
32 exercised with as much care and concern for the least influential as for the most
33 influential member of the community.
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- 35 6. Resist every temptation and outside pressure to use my position as a community
36 college board member to benefit either myself or any other individual or agency
37 apart from the total welfare of the San Bernardino Community College District.
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- 39 7. Recognize that it is as important for the Board to understand and evaluate the
40 educational program of San Bernardino Community College District as it is to
41 plan for the business of college operation.
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- 43 8. Bear in mind under all circumstances that the Board is legally responsible for the
44 effective operation of the District. Its primary function is to establish the policies
45 by which the San Bernardino Community College District is to be administered.
46 The Board shall hold the Chancellor and his/her staff accountable for the
47 administration of the educational program and the conduct of college business.
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- 49 9. Welcome and encourage the active involvement of students, employees, and
50 citizens of the District with respect to establishing policy on current college

51 operation and proposed future developments, and consider their views in my
52 deliberations and decisions as a Board Member.

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54 10. Recognize that deliberations of the Board in closed session are not mine to
55 release or discuss in public without the prior approval of the Board by majority
56 vote.

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58 11. Avail myself of opportunities to enhance my potential as a Board Member
59 through participation in educational conferences, workshops, and training
60 sessions offered by local, state, and national organizations.

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62 12. Be informed about the actions and positions of state and national community
63 college trustees' associations.

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65 13. Strive to provide the most effective community college board service of which I
66 am capable, in a spirit of teamwork and devotion to public education as the
67 greatest instrument for the preservation and perpetuation of our representative
68 democracy.

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71 Reference:
72 Accreditation Standard IV.B.1.a, e, & h

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