

BOARD POLICY SERIES NUMBER: 2025

TITLE: BOARD OF EDUCATION CODE OF RESPONSIBILITIES AND ETHICS

RESPONSIBILITIES

A member of the Linn-Benton Community College Board of Education has a responsibility to:

- A. Recognize that the primary responsibility of the board is to govern the college in the best interests of the educational needs of the entire college district;
- B. Maintain consistent and vigilant oversight of the college as a policy-setting board with emphasis on instructional quality, operational efficiency, and fiscal stability;
- C. Fulfill the fiduciary responsibility for sound budgetary and fiscal management by reviewing financial reports, asking questions, and providing direction to the president;
- D. Recognize that a board member is a member of an educational team, that the strength and effectiveness of the board is as a board, and that majority decisions shall be abided by;
- E. Work with other board members to achieve college goals;
- F. Communicate and promote the needs of the community to the college and the needs of the college to the community;
- G. Establish and uphold protocols for communicating with the media that recognize the roles of the president and the board chair to ensure a unified voice in representing the college;
- H. Support college personnel in the appropriate performance of their duties and ensure that they have the requisite responsibility, adequate resources, and necessary authority to perform effectively;
- I. Promote a healthy working relationship with the college president through supportive, open and honest communication, and regular evaluation;
- J. Seek to be informed by asking timely and substantive questions; request data and information through protocols established by the board and president;
- K. Maintain an atmosphere in which controversial issues can be discussed openly and fairly, protecting the dignity of individuals;

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- L. Become fully informed about the nature, value, and direction of community college education in our society by participating in such activities as educational conferences, workshops, and training sessions offered by local, state, and national organizations; and
- M. Attend all scheduled board meetings insofar as possible and become informed about the issues to be considered at those meetings;

ETHICS

A member of the Linn-Benton Community College Board of Education is ethically bound to:

- A. Refuse to use a board position for personal or family gain or prestige. Announce conflicts of interest before board action is taken;
- B. Recognize that discussions of the board in executive session are confidential; and
- C. Devote time, thought, and study to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of a community college board member.

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