

Polk State College District Board of Trustees Rule

Rule Number	Subject	Rule Making Authority	Statutory Reference	SBE Rule Reference	Effective Date
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The following *Code of Ethics* applies to the Polk State College District Board of Trustees. Each District Board of Trustees member is expected to:

1. Demonstrate good citizenship in community and State affairs.
2. Refrain from making any decisions or commitments concerning College governance except during Board meetings (or when designated by the Board to do so).
3. Avoid situations leading to conflicts of interest. If a District Board of Trustees member chooses to vote or abstain from voting on an issue that entails special private gain or loss, the *Form 8A Memorandum of Voting Conflict for State Officers* must be completed. This form can be found on the Florida Commission on Ethics website.
4. Bring credit to the College through personal effort (either directly or indirectly) in business, social, professional, and personal relationships.
5. Make decisions that are responsive to the geographic distribution of Polk County's residents, as well as the social, ethnic, economic, and diverse demographic composition of the community.
6. Make decisions that give priority to the students.
7. Maintain fluency regarding matters pertaining to the Florida College System.
8. Fulfill responsibilities without regard to prejudice or partisanship.

History:

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