

Board Members Conflict of Interest

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Public office represents a trust created by the confidence the voters hold in the integrity of local government officials for the common good of the people. It is the expectation of the Board that all Board members operate under the highest ethical standards.

For purposes of this policy, a conflict of interest is considered to exist whenever a board member is or may reasonably appear to be in a position to request or receive, directly or indirectly, anything of value for or on account of his or her influence as a member of the Board of Directors.

1. A Board member must avoid conflict of interest with respect to his or her fiduciary responsibility. Accordingly, a Board member will not:
 - a. Disclose or use confidential information acquired in the performance of official duties to substantially further the Board member's own personal financial interests;
 - b. Use the Board member's position for personal or financial gain;
 - c. Solicit, accept, or receive any gift, which would tend to improperly influence a reasonable person in that position or which the Board member knows or should know is primarily for the purpose of a reward for official action taken;
 - d. Solicit, accept, or receive any gift from companies doing business with the District;
 - e. Accept anything of value for speaking before a public or private group when acting in an official capacity as a Board member;
 - f. Engage in a substantial financial transaction for private business purposes with employees of the District;
 - g. Perform an official act which directly confers an economic benefit on a business or other undertaking in which the Board member has a substantial financial interest or is engaged as a counsel, consultant, representative, or agent;
 - h. Use District personnel, equipment, or materials in an election campaign.
2. It is permissible for a board member to receive:
 - a. Campaign contributions and contributions in kind which are reported;
 - b. An occasional nonpecuniary gift which is less than \$50 in value, in recognition of public service;
 - c. Payment or reimbursement for actual and necessary expenditures for travel and subsistence for attendance at a convention or other meeting in which the Board member participates in his/her official capacity as a Board member; and
 - d. A meal provided in conjunction with a speaking engagement where all participants are entitled to the same meal and the meal is incidental to the speaking engagement

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