

**Board Member Code of Ethics**

**As a member of the board team, I will:**

* Listen carefully to my teammates.
* Respect the opinion of my fellow board members.
* Respect and support the majority decisions of the board.
* Recognize that all authority is vested in the full board only when it meets in legal session.
* Keep well-informed of developments relevant to issues that may come before the board.
* Participate actively in board meetings and actions.
* Bring to the attention of the board any issues that i believe will have an adverse effect on the nonprofit or those we serve.
* Attempt to interpret the needs of those we serve through the nonprofit, and interpret the actions of the nonprofit to those we serve.
* Refer complaints to the proper level on the chain of command.
* Recognize that my job is to ensure that the nonprofit is well-managed, not to manage the nonprofit.
* Represent all those whom this nonprofit serves and not a particular geographic area or interest group.
* Consider myself a "trustee" of the nonprofit and do my best to ensure that it is well-maintained, financially secure, growing and always operating in the best interest of those we serve.
* Always work to learn how to do my job better and fulfill the responsibilities assigned to board members.
* Declare conflicts of interest between my personal life and my position on the board, and abstain from voting when appropriate.

**As a member of the board, I will not:**

* Criticize fellow board members or their opinions, in or out of the board room.
* Use the nonprofit for my personal advantage or that of my friends or relatives.
* Discuss the confidential proceedings of the board outside the board room.
* Promise how i will vote on any issue before a meeting.
* Interfere with the duties of the administrator or undermine his or her authority with staff members.

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