

## Kern Community College District Board Policy Chapter 2 – Board of Trustees

## **BP 2710** CONFLICT OF INTEREST

References: Government Code Sections 1090 et seq., 1126, and 87200 et seq.; Title 2 Sections 18730 et seq.

Note: This policy is legally required.

Board members shall not be financially interested in any contract made by the<u>m</u> in their official capacity, or in any body or board of which they are members. Board of Trustees or in any contract they make in their capacity as Board members.

A Board member shall not be considered to be financially interested in a contract if his/her/<u>their</u> interest is limited to those interests defined as remote under Government Code Section 1091 or is limited to interests defined by Government Code Section 1091.5.

A Board member who has a remote interest in any contract considered by the Board shall disclose his/her<u>/their</u> interest during a Board meeting and have the disclosure noted in the official Board minutes. The Board member shall not vote or debate on the matter or attempt to influence any other Board member to enter into the contract.

A Board member shall not engage in any employment or activity that is inconsistent with, incompatible with, in conflict with or inimical to his/her/<u>their</u> duties as an officer of the District.

In compliance with law and regulation, the District Chancellor shall establish administrative procedures to provide for disclosure of assets of income of Board members who may be affected by their official actions, and prevent members from making or participating in the making of Board decisions which may foreseeably have a material effect on their financial interest.

Each member of the Board of Trustees must file a conflict of interest statement

as determined by law and the Board of Trustees' Policy. Members of the Board should avoid any situation that may constitute a conflict of interest and should inform the Board when a matter under consideration might involve or appear to involve a conflict of interest.

Board members shall file statements of economic interest with the <u>District</u> <u>Chancellor's General Counsel's</u> Office.

Board members are encouraged to seek counsel from the District's legal advisor in every case where any question arises.