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**Board Policy**  
Chapter 2 – Governing Board

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**BP 2710   Conflict of Interest**

**References:**

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

Governing Board members and employees shall not be financially interested in any contract made by them in their official capacity, or in any body or board of which they are members.

A Board member shall not be considered to be financially interested in a contract if their 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 Governing Board shall disclose their interest during a Board meeting and have the disclosure noted in the official Board minutes. The Governing 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 their duties as an officer of the District.

In compliance with law and regulation, the Superintendent/President shall establish administrative procedures to provide for disclosure of assets or income of Governing 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.

Governing Board members shall file statements of economic interest with the filing officer identified by the administrative procedures.

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

Also see BP 2200 Board Duties and Responsibilities, AP 2710 Conflict of Interest, BP/AP 2712 Conflict of Interest Code, BP 2715 Code of Ethics/Standards of Practice, BP/AP 2716 Governing Board Member Political Activity, and BP 2717 Personal Use of Public Resources – Governing Board.

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