Governance, Policy Q Conflict of Interest Declaration—On-Going Circumstances

To ensure that the Western Dakota Technical College Board of Trustees members comply with South Dakota law, College policy, and best practices for governance in higher education, Board members with any on-going actual or potential conflicts of interest will formally declare these conflicts as soon as they become aware of them and then annually as long as they apply after the initial declarations are made.

Governance, Policy R Censuring Board Members

The Western Dakota Technical College Board of Trustees has the authority to censure a Trustee who is found by the Board to have violated the Trustee’s duties. In order for the Board to censure a Trustee, the Trustee must be found to have violated a specific statute, law, College, or Board policy. To allow time for investigation and presentation of findings, the motion to censure a board member must occur after a motion is made at a previous meeting to investigate the allegations of the violation. The Board or the Board’s designee will carry out the investigation, and presentation of the findings will occur during an executive session of the Board. The investigation must include an opportunity for the Trustee to respond to the specific allegation(s) that the Trustee has allegedly breached. A censure of a Trustee will require a super majority (two-thirds) vote of all members of the Board of Trustees during the public board meeting. A Board censure will consist of a reprimand of the Trustee through means of a written order or resolution for specified conduct. For violations of federal or state law for which a Trustee is censured, the matter will also be referred to law enforcement by the Board.