

***SAMPLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD MEMBERS’  
CODE OF ETHICS AND STANDARDS OF GOOD PRACTICE***

As a community college board member, I am responsible to:

1. Be committed to the community college mission and advocate for my college;
2. Devote time, thought and study to my duties and responsibilities and come prepared to board meetings;
3. Understand the distinction between my statutory role as a member of the college board of directors and the statutory roles of the college president, KCTCS Board of Regents, and KCTCS president;
4. Create and maintain a mutually supportive relationship with the college president;
5. Work with my colleagues in a civil and collaborative way in spite of differences of opinion that may arise;
6. Recognize that I have no authority as an individual;
7. Recognize that the Board advises only the college president;
8. Base my decisions on all available facts and not on partisan or personal bias;
9. Honestly debate issues and uphold the final majority decision of the Board;
10. Resist every pressure to use my position to benefit myself or any other individual or agency if not in the best interest of the college;
11. Ensure my behavior and that of my colleagues is ethical and above reproach;
12. Engage in regular and ongoing process of professional development, self-assessment and continuous improvement;
13. Engage in an annual assessment of the Board.