

**TITLE: CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND UNDUE INFLUENCE FOR MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**AUTHORITY:**

**Florida Statutes: Chapter 112 (Part III)**

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**POLICY:**

Members of the Edison State College District Board of Trustees are public officers and are thus subject to the “Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees” adopted by the Legislature and found in Chapter 112 (Part III) of the Florida Statutes. Foremost among the goals of the Code is to promote the public interest and maintain the respect of the people for their government. The Code is also intended to ensure that public officials conduct themselves independently and impartially, not using their offices for private gain other than compensation provided by law. As stated in the Legislative Intent of Florida Statute 112.311, “It is essential to the proper conduct and operation of government that public officials be independent and impartial and that public office not be used for private gain”.

The Edison State College District Board of Trustees serves a public role and thus has a clear obligation to conduct all affairs in accordance with Florida statutes. All decisions of the District Board of Trustees and Edison State College administrators shall be based on promoting the best interests of the College and the public good. The Board must fully disclose any potential conflicts of interests and will not participate in matters where undue influence is inflicted upon the Board members.

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