LASSEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE CODE OF ETHICS for BOARD OF TRUSTEES Academic Year 2019/2020

The Board of Trustees maintains high standards of ethical conduct for its members. Members of the Board are responsible to:

- Act only in the best interest of the entire community;
- Ensure public input into Board deliberations, adhering to the law and spirit of the open meeting laws and regulations;
- Prevent conflicts of interest and the perception of conflicts of interest;
- Exercise authority only as a Board;
- Use appropriate channels of communication;
- Respect others and act with civility;
- Remain informed about the District, educational issues, and responsibilities of Board membership;
- Devote adequate time to Board work; and
- Maintain the confidentiality of closed sessions.

As a member of the Lassen Community College Board of Trustees, I will perform my duties in accordance with my oath of office. I am committed to serving the educational needs of the citizens of the District. My primary responsibility is to provide learning opportunities to each student.

The community college is an egalitarian institution committed to the principle that higher education should be available to every person who can benefit. The purpose of a comprehensive community college is to serve all who then, in turn, can serve to build a better society.

- 1. To devote time, thought and study to the duties and responsibilities of a Lassen Community College Board member that I may render effective and credible service.
- 2. To base my personal decisions upon all available facts in each situation; to vote my honest conviction in every case, unswayed by partisan bias of any kind; and to abide by and uphold the final majority decision of the Board.
- 3. To remember at all times that as an individual I have no legal authority outside the meetings of the Board in regard to the College and to conduct my relationships with the Lassen Community College staff, the local citizenry and all media of the community on the basis of that fact.
- 4. To resist temptation and outside pressure to use my position as Lassen Community College Board Member to benefit myself or any other individual or agency apart from the total interest of the Lassen Community College District.
- 5. To recognize that it is as important for the Board to understand and evaluate the educational program of Lassen Community College as it is to plan for the business of college operation.
- 6. To bear in mind under all circumstances that the primary function of the Board is to establish the policies by which Lassen Community College is administered and that micro-management is not an option.
- To welcome and encourage the active cooperation of the students, staff and public with respect to
 establishing policy on current college operation and proposed future developments, and allow for
 courteous attention to their concerns and comments at all board meetings.
- 8. To recognize that deliberations and materials used in deliberations held in closed session are not mine to release or discuss in public without prior approval of the Board.

9. To work with my fellow Board members in a spirit of harmony and cooperation in spite of differences of opinion that may arise during debates of points at issue.

Dated this day of October, 2019	
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