TUSD Tucson Unified School District **Tucson, Arizona** **GOVERNING BOARD POLICY**	POLICY TITLE: Board Member Ethics POLICY CODE: BCA

Board members will strive to improve public education, and to that end will:

- Attend all Board meetings insofar as possible, and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;

- Recognize that decisions should be made only after discussion at publicly held Board meetings;

- Render all decisions based on the available facts and independent judgment, and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special-interest groups;

- Encourage the free expression of opinion by all Board members, and seek systematic communications between the Board and students, staff, and all elements of the community;

- Work with other Board members to establish effective Board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the Superintendent;

- Communicate to other Board members and the Superintendent expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs;

- Be informed about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by state and national school boards associations;

- Support the employment of persons best qualified to serve as school staff members, and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all personnel;

- Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and refrain from using their Board position for personal or partisan gain;

- Take no private action that will compromise the Board or administration, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law; and

- Remember always that a Board member's first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the public schools.

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