



Guiding Principles for Board Members

Role of the Board

- Promote the best interest of the public by establishing policies that support the mission, vision and core values of the organization and by ensuring the implementation of those policies.
- Assure the fiscal health for the organization and provide the resources necessary to meet the agency's goals.
- Provide policy direction to the General Manager, who will, in turn, manage the day-to-day operations of the organization.
- Understand your role and relationship to other board members, the staff the General Manager and the public.
- Recognize and respect the distinction between the policy-setting role and the day-to-day implementation of policy by staff.

Principles of the Board of Directors -The Board:

- Functions as a team.
- Respects and supports each other.
- Values open and honest communication.
- Is prepared for meetings.
- Practices continued professional development in their role as directors.
- Are respectful and considerate of staff.
- Acts with decorum at and outside board meetings so as to reflect well on Zone 7.
- Cannot represent a position of the full board or commit Zone 7 without action by the full board.
- Contacts the General Manager or the Clerk of the Board with requests rather than going directly to staff.

Role of the Board President:

- If the Board President determines that a director is in violation of one or more of these principles, the President can take action up to and including discussion with an Ad Hoc Committee and, if appropriate, introduction of a board action for censure of that director.

*For more complete information, refer to Zone 7 Water Agency's "Board Policy on Conducting Business," posted on the website at http://www.zone7water.com/images/pdf_docs/board-of-directors/9-19-12_bd-plcy-cndctng-business.pdf.