



South Orange County Community College District
Board of Trustees

Governing Board Norms

In public session:

1. Assume everyone means well.
2. Listen with an open mind; be open to new ideas; try it on.
3. Allow all opinions to be heard without interruption.
4. Demonstrate respect and support for one another.
5. Hold yourself accountable: be responsible; do your homework and follow through on assignments. Be prepared for the board meeting.
6. Approach issues professionally, not personally.
7. Seek consensus that is in the best interest of SOCCCD.
8. Utilize the chancellor for board questions and/or clarifications ahead of the meeting, when possible.
9. Be respectful of the two minute timeline for oral reports.

In closed session:

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5. Hold yourself accountable: be responsible; do your homework and follow through on assignments.
6. Approach issues professionally, not personally.
7. Seek consensus that is in the best interest of SOCCCD.
8. Honor absolute confidentiality.
10. Create a safe space for open discussion and frank discussion through check in/check out (start and finish of session).
11. Be mindful of the time allocated for closed session.