

**LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM DISTRICT
BOARD POLICY MANUAL
Fourth Edition**

SECTION I – GOVERNANCE

I.G. TRUSTEE STANDARDS

I.G.1.7. Trustee Misconduct

The Board has an interest in addressing Trustee Ethical Misconduct. Trustees have a duty to report Ethical Misconduct. The Board may investigate Ethical Misconduct reports and issue sanctions in accordance with the law. Ethical Misconduct means violating (1) Section I.G.1.03. Ethical Standards, (2) I.G.1.04. Conflict-of-Interest Abstention, (3) I.G.1.05. Disclosure Statements, (4) I.G.1.06. Prohibited Actions, or (5) engaging in Official Misconduct (defined in Section I.G).

Any person or Trustee may file a written Ethical Misconduct report with the Board Chair or the Board Vice-Chair if the report regards the Board Chair. The report recipient must advise the Board that an Ethical Misconduct report was received. The recipient may request an investigation of the Ethical Misconduct report upon a majority vote of the Board. An Independent Third Party will conduct the investigation. Independent Third Party in this section means any person appointed by the Board to conduct this investigation. The Independent Third Party will prepare investigative findings for the Board's review.

The Board may find that Ethical Misconduct has occurred by majority vote. Upon such finding, the Board may sanction the Trustee found to have engaged in Ethical Misconduct. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, (1) removing the trustee from serving in any committee, (2) limiting travel and fee reimbursement, (3) censuring the Trustee, or (4) any other sanction or action allowed by law.