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Board Policy

Chapter 2 – Board of Trustees

BP 2720 – COMMUNICATIONS AMONG BOARD MEMBERS

The Board of Trustees may take action on matters properly before it only in public at a regular, special, or emergency meeting, except in those instances where action is permitted by law in closed session. The authority of the Board of Trustees may be exercised only as a Board and only at such meetings or closed sessions as are duly and legally constituted. Individual members acting in their individual capacities have no authority to commit the Board of Trustees or Chancellor to any policy determination or course of action.

Members of the Board of Trustees shall not communicate among themselves by the use of any form of communication (e.g., personal intermediaries, e-mail, or other technological device) in order to reach a collective concurrence regarding any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees. In addition, Board Members may not use a series of communications by any means or through any person to discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item of business within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

This policy shall also not be construed as preventing a member of the Governing Board from engaging in separate conversations or communications on an internet-based social media platform to answer questions, provide information to the public, or to solicit information from the public regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. In doing so, a majority of the members of the Board may not use the internet-based social media platform to discuss among themselves business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. However, a member of the Board shall not respond directly to any communication on an internet-based social media platform regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board that another member of the Board has made, posted, or shared.

Reference:

Government Code Section 54952.2

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