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Policy 010: Tax Exempt Status

I.E.010: Rogue Community College is an independent municipal corporation under the Oregon Revised Statutes and; therefore, is not subject to federal income taxation. The federal identification number for the College is 93-0591783.

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Policy 020: Reimbursement for Expenses

I.E.020: RCC Board of Education members serve without remuneration, except that members are reimbursed for travel and incidental expenditures under the same general policies as college staff.

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Policy 030: Pecuniary Interests in Contracts

I.E.030: Members of the College Board are subject to the laws outlined in Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS), Chapter 244, relating to ethics, actual and potential conflicts of interest, and regulation of the conduct of public employees and public officials.

These ethics laws establish specific standards of conduct. A board member cannot rely upon personal or community standards of behavior, but must refer to these laws in answering questions regarding what is and is not prohibited conduct. Specific ORSs dealing with conflicts of interest are:

1. **ORS 244.040-Code of Ethics:** “No public official shall use or attempt to use official position or office to obtain financial gain or to avoid financial detriment.”
2. **ORS 244.020(1)-Actual Conflict of Interest:** “. . . any action or any decision or recommendation by a person acting in a capacity as a public official, the effect of which would be to the private pecuniary benefit or detriment of the person or the person’s relative or any business with which the person or a relative of the person is associated (subject to exceptions set out in the law) . . .”
3. **ORS 244.020(7)-Potential Conflict of Interest:** “. . . any action or any decision or recommendation by a person acting in a capacity as a public official, the effect of which could be to the private pecuniary benefit or detriment of the person or the person’s relative or any business with which the person or a relative of the person is associated (subject to exceptions set out in the law)....”
4. **ORS 244.120(2)-Methods of Handling Conflicts:** “An elected public official...shall.... (A) when met with a potential conflict of interest, announce publicly the nature of the potential conflict prior to taking any action thereon in the capacity of a public official; or, (B) when met with an actual conflict of interest, announce publicly the nature of the actual conflict and: (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, refrain from participating as a public official in any discussion or debate on the issue out of which the actual conflict arises or from voting on the issue; [or] (B) If the public official’s vote is necessary to meet a requirement of a minimum number of votes to take official action, be eligible to vote, but not to participate as a public official in any discussion or debate on the issue out of which the actual conflict arises.”

Board members may access ORS’s, Chapter 244, also known as “Government Standards and Practices (GSP)” online or by calling the Oregon GSP Commission in Salem: 503-378-5105.

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Policy 040: Board Member Development

I.E.040: The Board places high priority on the importance of continuing programs of in-service education for its members to develop leadership capabilities, stay informed of current related issues, and improve skills as members of a policy-making body.

Board members may participate in opportunities for development, including, but not limited to:

- In-service activities, special meetings or retreats planned by the Board or the College, as needed;
- Conferences held by the Oregon Community College Association, State Board of Education and other state and national school board associations, and educational organizations;
- Subscriptions to publications applicable to Board membership and/or community college issues and concerns.

Guidelines: For better control of the investment of time and funds needed to support these learning activities, the Board established these guidelines:

- Funds for participation at such meetings will be budgeted.
- The College President will inform board members, in a timely manner, of upcoming conferences that may be of interest.
- The Board will discuss and decide which meetings appear to be most likely to produce the greatest benefit to the Board and the District;
- When funds are limited, the Board will designate which members, if interested, would be most appropriate, to participate in a particular given meeting or activity.
- If authorized to attend, and reimbursement is approved by the Board, members will be reimbursed, upon request, for reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred.
- When a conference or workshop is not attended by the full Board, those who do participate will be requested to share, by means of written or oral reports, information, recommendations, and materials acquired at the meeting.