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The governing board has a policy addressing conflict of interest for its members.

Impact Statement

The predecessor colleges, Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) and Capital Area Technical College (CATC) were both members of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS). The merged BRCC continues as an institution governed by the LCTCS Board of Supervisors and the policies and procedures that pertain to conflicts of interest for the members of the Board.

Rationale

The Board is subject to Louisiana State Laws related to conflict of interest as defined by the 1974 Louisiana State Constitution (*Figure 3.2.3.1*) and the ethical standards for public servants in Part II of the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics (*Figure 3.2.3.2*). None of the Board members have contractual, employment, or personal or familial financial interest in the institution as prescribed by law (*Figure 3.2.3.3*) and described in the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics is an extensive document which prohibits conflicts of interest related to payments from non-public sources, financial transactions, participation in state contracts, financial disclosure, receiving gifts, abuse of office, receiving illegal payments, influencing legislation for personal gain, nepotism, and circumstances necessitating recusal from voting. The LCTCS Board of Supervisors has also adopted a Code of Conduct, which further clarifies the actions of board members (*Figure 3.2.3.4*).

Supporting Documents

Figure 3.2.3.1 State Constitution of 1974 Article X Public Officials and Employees

Figure 3.2.3.2 Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics

Figure 3.2.3.3 R.S. 42 1124.2.1 Financial Disclosure

Figure 3.2.3.4 LCTCS Code of Conduct Policy 6.025