

Board Member Code of Conduct

In the performance of their duties, Members of the Board serve as trustees of the people of the State of California and are expected to carry out the mandate of CIRM to the best of their ability and judgment and in the best interests of the people of California, and to maintain the highest standards of integrity.

Members of the Board are expected to regularly attend and actively participate in Board meetings and meetings of subcommittees and working groups of which they are members. Board Members are also welcome to attend meetings of other subcommittees but they are not required or expected to do so. Board Members are also encouraged to attend and participate in other CIRM events, including workshops and public hearings.

If a Member of the Board has the ability to appoint an alternate and is unable to attend a meeting of the Board or a subcommittee of which he or she is a member, he or she should request that his or her alternate attend the meeting.

CIRM strives to maintain an environment that is respectful, collegial and free of harassment. Board Members and staff should treat their colleagues, and one another, with the utmost courtesy and respect and they should observe the highest standards of diplomacy, transparency, honesty and forthright conduct.

Board Members are responsible for protecting the security of any confidential information provided to them as Members of the Board.

When making public statements or speaking to the media on CIRM-related matters, Board Members should make clear whether they are speaking in their personal capacity or, if authorized to do so, on behalf of the Board.

Board Members are encouraged to communicate with CIRM staff if they have questions. Requests for staff to perform specific tasks, however, should be coordinated through the Office of the Chair, which will work with the Office of the President to ensure that the task is considered in a timely manner and is completed consistent with other demands on the time of CIRM management and staff and their prior commitments.

Any concerns regarding a Board Member's compliance with this Code of Conduct should be referred to the Chair of the Board, or in the case of the Chair of the Board, to the Chair of the Governance Subcommittee. Violations of the Code of Conduct may result in a reprimand by the Chair of the Board, censure by the Board, or in the case of repeated or serious violations, a request by the Board for a Board Member's resignation.