

**THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE
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 and professionalism.

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.

Members of the 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.

The Board shall have the authority to sanction a Member who is found by the Board to have violated this Code of Conduct or engaged in any misconduct constituting harassment, discrimination, or retaliation. Sanctions may be imposed only by majority vote of the Board, with the exception of a recommendation for removal, which requires a vote of 60% of a quorum. The types of sanctions that may be imposed on a Member are as follows: written censure, removal or suspension from a committee assignment, or recommendation for removal by appointing authority.