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In recognition of the gravity of their trust, and aware of their unique responsibility to College employees, students, and residents of the district, the Trustees agree to adhere to the following commitments:

- A. To accept and abide by the legal and fiscal responsibilities of the Board as specified by Board policy and federal and state statutes and regulations;
- B. To remember at all times that as individuals, trustees have no legal authority outside the meetings of the Board, and thus shall conduct their relationships with the community college staff, the local citizenry, and all media of communications on the basis of this fact;
- C. To represent all constituents honestly and equally, refusing to surrender responsibilities to special interest and partisan political groups;
- D. To devote the time to learn how the college functions - its uniqueness, strength, and needs to properly fulfill its role in post-secondary education in the community;
- E. To carefully prepare for, regularly attend, and actively participate in Board meetings and committee assignments;
- F. To vote according to informed, individual conviction, yet willing to support the majority decision of the Board, working with fellow Trustees in a spirit of cooperation and respect;
- G. To avoid any conflict of interest, appearance of impropriety, or exploitation of the Office of Trustee for personal gain or publicity;
- H. To avoid any such action that might compromise the Board or administration, respecting the sensitivity of the privileged, confidential information available;
- I. To recognize that it is as important for the Board to understand and evaluate the instructional and student services' programs of the College as it is business and administrative operations;

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- J. To bear in mind under all circumstances that the primary function of the Board is to establish the policies by which the community College is to be administered, but that the administration of the educational program and the conduct of College business shall be left to the president and the professional and non-professional staff;
- K. To welcome and encourage active cooperation by citizens, organizations, and the media of communication in the district with respect to establishing policy on current College operations and proposed future developments. To receive and listen to communications from citizens and others and to share same with the President.
- L. To support the state and national Community College Trustees Association.

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