

VCCCD Trustee Ground Rules

Ground rules are flexible. They advance the mutual interest in promoting effectiveness, civility, and willingness to compromise in the on-going work together in the best interest of VCCCD.

1. The manner in which the Board operates internally; and how it engages with the Chancellor, the college communities, and the public; impacts its effectiveness, the effectiveness of others in the college communities, the District's work and educational environments, and accreditation.
2. Trustees and the Chancellor act in good faith on behalf of the District.
3. There is quality, honest, focused, respectful and patient debate on any matter of concern to a Trustee or the Chancellor that is within the purview of the Board.
4. Decisions are based on sufficient, relevant data, and other reliable sources of information that have been made available to all members.
5. Trustees avoid back-tracking; once the Board has heard and considered the views of its members and acted, all members will respect the action of the quorum, unless and until the Board takes up the matter again. The Board respect the requests of members to revisit issues when based on new information.
6. Trustees hold each other accountable for following these ground rules. No single trustee can sidetrack the Board without the Board's acquiescence.
7. Continued board development occurs through the purposeful application of these agreed-upon ground rules during productive work sessions.
8. By engaging in transparent professional development activities, the Board and Chancellor lead by example.

ACCJC Meeting Ground Rules (Previously Adopted)

Be on time (from breaks).

- Everyone participates.
- Stay within the agreed upon objective / agenda.
- No private conversations.
- Say what's on your mind to all.
- Listen for content before forming an opinion (open your mind to others).
- Suspend judgment until there has been sufficient discussion and information.
- Be specific when asking questions.
- It is okay to disagree but be open to new ideas and don't be caught up in your own visions.
- Give all trustees a chance to participate: No Hogging / Frogging /or Bogging.