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Role of the Board Member

The role of the Board Member is to contribute to the Board as it carries out its mandate in order to achieve its core purpose. The oath of office taken, or affirmation made by each board member when one assumes office binds that person to work diligently and faithfully in the cause of education.

The Board is a corporation. The decisions of the Board in a properly constituted meeting are those of the corporation. Individual board members exercise an effective decision-making role in the context of corporate action. A board member who is given authority by Board motion to act on behalf of the Board may carry out duties individually but only as an agent of the Board. In such cases, the actions of the board member are those of the Board, which is then responsible for them. A board member acting individually has only the authority and status of any other citizen of the Education Authority. Individual board members do not have the authority to direct the Education Authority's administration and staff.

Specific Duties of a Board Member

1. Carry out their duties in accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations and policies pertaining to their position.
2. Maintain a commitment to the vision, mission, values, and goals of KTCEA.
3. Strive at all times, to maintain both professional and personal high standards.
4. Work cooperatively and harmoniously with others.
5. Engage in open and respectful discussions in all matters with board members and staff.
6. Remain committed to representing and being accountable to students, parents, and communities.
7. Maintain confidentiality of privileged information.
8. Follow processes in place for referring all concerns related to KTCEA to the Superintendent.
9. Strive to be objective, fair, and without prejudice.
10. Act with impartiality and honesty.
11. Maintain integrity of the Board by supporting decisions made by the majority of the Board, regardless of holding a different position or view.
12. Accurately communicate the decisions of the Board, even if they disagree with the Board's decision, such that respect for the decision-making processes of

the Board is fostered.

13. Maintain a commitment to professional development and learning.
14. Conduct themselves with decorum and make every effort to participate diligently in the meetings of the Board, committee of the Board and other bodies to which they are appointed by the Board.
15. Board Members have a duty to treat members of the public, one another and staff with dignity and respect and without harassment, bullying, or intimidation, and to ensure that the work environment is free from discrimination and harassment.
16. No Board Member shall speak or act in a manner that is discriminatory to any individual based on the person's race, religious beliefs, colour, gender, gender identity, gender expression, physical disability, mental disability, age, ancestry, place of origin, marital status, source of income, family status, or sexual orientation.