

Policy Number 2.6
Title Board Members' Code of Conduct
Section 2: Governance Process
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The Board commits itself and its members to ethical, lawful and business-like conduct. This commitment includes proper use of authority and appropriate decorum when acting as Board Members.

1. Board members shall act in such a manner as to demonstrate loyalty to the interests of the Cobourg Public Library. This commitment shall supersede any other loyalty, such as that to advocacy or interest groups or memberships on other boards or staffs. This accountability supersedes the personal interest of any Board member acting as an individual patron of the Library's services.
2. Board members must avoid any conflict of interest with respect to their fiduciary responsibility in compliance with the ***Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*** .
3. Board members must not use their positions to obtain employment in the organization for themselves or others. Should a Board member desire employment, he or she must first resign.
4. Board members will Maintain the confidentiality requirements that are set out for closed sessions.
5. Board members may not attempt to exercise individual authority over the organization except as explicitly set forth in Board policies.
6. Board members may not speak for the Board unless authorized to do so.
7. Members will be properly prepared for Board deliberation.