

PERSONAL CODE OF CONDUCT/ETHICS
FOR
PUBLIC VIDEO SERVICE BOARD MEMBERS

1. Act in the Public Interest

Public interest must be the Boards principal concern and they must work for the common good of the citizens they represent and not for any private or personal interest. All persons, claims and transactions must be treated in a fair and equitable manner.

2. Compliance with Laws

The Board shall comply with the laws of the nation, the State of Indiana, the cities of Madison and Hanover, and the county of Jefferson. These laws include but are not limited to conflict of interest, financial disclosures, open processes of government and local cities and county ordinances and policies.

3. Conduct of Members

Board members shall refrain from verbal attacks and abusive conduct upon the character or motives of other members of City Councils, County Government, other boards, commissions, committees, staff or the public.

4. Respect for Process

All duties shall be performed in accordance the Rules and Policies of Channel TV 15.

5. Conduct of Public Meetings

Board members shall inform themselves of public issues, listen attentively to any public discussions before the Board and focus on the business of hand.

6. Communication

Board members shall share substantive information that is relevant to any matter under consideration that they received from sources outside of the public decision making process.

7. Conflict of Interest

Board members shall assure their independence and impartiality on behalf of the public good, they shall not use their official positions to influence government decisions in which they have a financial interest where they have an organizational

responsibility or a personal relationship that would present a conflict of interest under applicable laws.

8. Gifts and Favors

Board members shall not take advantage of services or opportunities for personal gain by virtue of their public office that are not available to the general public. They shall not accept gifts, favors or promises of future benefits that might compromise their independent judgment, actions or give the appearance of being compromised.

9. Confidential Information

Board members shall respect and preserve any confidential information provided them by the cities of Madison or Hanover, and Jefferson county. Confidential information shall not be disclosed without proper legal authorization nor shall this information be used to advance their personal financial or private interests.

10. Representation of Private Interests

As stewards of the public trust, Board members shall not appear on behalf of the private interests of a third party before any City Council or County government.

11. Advocacy

Board members shall represent the official policies and positions of Madison, Hanover and Jefferson county. If any personal opinions or positions are presented, Board members shall explicitly state they do not represent the city of Madison, Hanover or Jefferson county.

12. Improper Influence

Board members shall not use their position to improperly influence the deliberations or decisions of any City or County staff, boards, commissions or committees.

13. Compliance

All Board members have the primary responsibility to assure that ethical standards are met and understood and that the public can continue to have full confidence in the integrity of the Public Video Service Board.

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