

Commissioner Code of Conduct

California Public Utilities Commission

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The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) promotes and serves the public interest by protecting consumers and ensuring the provision of safe, reliable utility service and infrastructure at just and reasonable rates, with a commitment to environmental protection and a healthy California economy.

CPUC Commissioners are public officials defined in the California Constitution, appointed by the Governor, and subject to confirmation by the state Senate. CPUC Commissioners thus have the responsibility to conduct themselves with the highest integrity and leadership.

Commissioners are responsible to all the people of the State of California, and not to any particular segment or group. They must act in public interest, not their personal interests or any special interest. They must strictly adhere to all legal and ethical requirements and avoid all situations where prejudice, bias, or opportunity for personal gain could influence their decisions. In both public and private interactions, Commissioners must follow carefully the Commission's rules that are intended to ensure due process and fairness for all interested parties and the public and encourage all others to do the same.

The primary responsibility of the Commissioners is the formulation and evaluation of policy and regulation for the industries subject to the Commission's jurisdiction, pursuant to the Constitution and to statutory provisions enacted by the Legislature and the Governor.

As public officials, the Commissioners are expected to be accessible to the public, so as to hear the issues of importance, leading to better relations and trust. Realizing this expectation requires travel to Commission hearings, conferences, workshops and other public meetings in a manner that is necessary, efficient and prudent.

- Preparing in advance of Commission meetings and familiarizing themselves with issues on the agenda.
- Actively engaging in the proceedings to which they are assigned and endeavoring to meet applicable deadlines.
- Being respectful of other people's time by staying focused and acting efficiently during public meetings, while asking well-founded questions or raising appropriate points that advance the dialogue and decision-making process.
- Serving as a model of leadership and civility to the public and demonstrating honesty and integrity in every action and statement.
- Participating in scheduled activities to review and increase the effectiveness of Commission procedures, such as this Code of Conduct.

II. Commission meetings should be opportunities for a full and respectful exchange of ideas and the responsible execution of Commission duties.

The President will chair official meetings of the Commission, unless the President designates another Commissioner as the temporary chair. The President's responsibilities are the following:

- Maintain order and decorum and ensure the fair treatment of all speakers.
- Keep discussion and questions focused on the specific agenda item under consideration and ensure that discussion of related items advance deliberation of the agenda item.
- Manage the meetings in a manner that complies with statutory requirements, including the Bagley-Keene Act and constitutional principles of due process, and seek advice from Commission attorneys as necessary to ensure that compliance.
- Ensure all agenda items are given the opportunity to be discussed and voted on by Commissioners in a manner that is fair, unbiased, and reflects the positions of all the Commissioners.

At all types of Commission meetings (Commission voting meetings, public participation

- Differing viewpoints are healthy in the decision-making process. Once the Commission takes action, Commission members should commit to implementing said action in accordance with their responsibilities as public officials.

In both public and private, Commissioners should:

- Be clear about whether they are acting in their professional capacity or representing personal interests. If a Commissioner appears before or corresponds with another governmental agency or organization to give a statement, the Commissioner should indicate: 1) whether his or her statement reflects personal opinion or is the official stance of the CPUC; and 2) whether this is the majority or minority opinion of the Commission. If the Commissioner is representing the CPUC, the Commissioner should indicate the official CPUC position on an issue, as reflected in a Commission vote on an issue. If a Commissioner who did not vote with the majority on a matter wishes to speak to the reasons for his or her vote, the Commissioner should do so in a way that respectfully recognizes Commissioner deliberation and the vote of the majority.
- Media representatives frequently contact Commissioners seeking background information or quotes. It is acceptable, and indeed preferable, that any direct contacts be channeled through the Commission's Public Information office.
- Continue respectful behavior in private. The same level of respect and consideration of differing points of view appropriate for public discussions should be maintained in private conversations.
- Commissioners must follow the formal rules of the CPUC, including the rules regarding ex parte contacts. Commissioners should maintain a professional level of objectivity and should act in a manner, in both private and public interactions, that promotes a culture of fairness and observance of the rules.

IV. Commissioners are public officials who should uphold the integrity of their office at all times.

- Commissioners should make no promises on behalf of the Commission to parties or members of the public. Commissioners will frequently be asked to explain a Commission action or to give their opinion about an issue as they meet and talk with constituents in the community. It is appropriate to give a brief overview of Commission policy and to refer to CPUC staff for further information. It is inappropriate to promise a

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