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## **PURPOSE**

To ensure that confidential matters are not disclosed until disclosure is authorized by the board.

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

Board members owe to the hospital a duty of confidence not to disclose or discuss with another person or entity or to use for their own purpose, confidential information concerning the business and affairs of the hospitals received in their capacity as directors unless otherwise authorized by the board. All breaches will be formally reviewed by the Board Executive Committee and recommended action, up to and including dismissal, will be forwarded to the board of directors.

Every director shall ensure that no statement not authorized by the board is made by him or her to the press or public.

## **APPLICATION:**

This policy applies to all board and non-board committee members.

## **CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

1. All matters and information that are the subject of closed sessions of the board are confidential until disclosed in an open session of the board.
2. All matters and information that are before a committee or task force of the board are confidential unless they have been determined not to be confidential by the co-chair of the relevant committee or task force or by the board.
3. All matters that are the subject of open sessions of the board are not confidential.

## **PROCEDURE FOR MAINTAINING MINUTES**

1. Minutes of closed sessions of the board shall be recorded by the secretary or designate or if the secretary or designate is not present, by a director designated by the chair of the board.
2. All minutes of closed sessions of the Board shall be marked confidential and shall be handled in a secure manner.
3. All minutes of the committees and task forces of the board shall be marked confidential and shall be handled in a secure manner.
4. Notwithstanding that information disclosed or matters dealt with in an open session are not confidential, no director shall make any statement to the press or the public in his capacity as a director unless such statement has been authorized by the board.

## **AMENDMENT**

Proposed amendments to be reviewed by the board of directors.

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