

## SMUD BOARD POLICY

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Only decisions of the Board acting as a body are binding on the General Manager, the General Counsel, and the Internal Auditor.

Specifically, in or out of the Board meeting:

- a) Decisions or instructions of individual Board members, officers, or committees are not binding on the General Manager, General Counsel or Internal Auditor except in instances when the Board has specifically authorized such exercise of authority.
- b) In the case of Board members or committees requesting information or assistance without Board authorization, the General Manager, General Counsel or Internal Auditor must refuse such requests that require, in their opinion, a material amount of staff time, or funds, or are disruptive.
- c) Board members may communicate directly with District employees or contractors. However, the Board as a body and the Board members will never give direction to persons who report directly or indirectly to the General Manager, with the exception of the General Counsel, Internal Auditor and Special Assistant. If individual Board members are dissatisfied with the response they receive, they may seek a resolution by the Board.
- d) Board Members will refrain from evaluating, either formally or informally, any staff. The Board as a body will refrain from evaluating, either formally or informally, any staff other than the General Manager, the General Counsel, the Internal Auditor, and the Special Assistant.

**Monitoring Method: Board Report**  
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