

# SMUD BOARD POLICY



**Category:** Governance Process  
**Policy No.:** GP-15  
**Title:** Board Travel and Training Reimbursement

Board members shall have the opportunity to attend conferences, meetings, training, and various activities that are appropriate to their work as Directors and provide value to SMUD.

As part of this policy:

- a) Each Board member shall have an annual budget for travel and training, which shall be adjusted annually for inflation based on the Travel Price Index (July-June) and rounded to the nearest hundred dollars. The training budget shall include attendance at community functions.
- b) The Board shall approve its travel and training budget as part of the annual budget process. Budgeted travel and training funds shall expire at the end of each calendar year with no rollover option.
- c) The Board travel and training budget shall be managed by the Special Assistant to the Board as part of the Board Office budget.
- d) Requests for travel, training and events in excess of \$1,000 shall be accompanied by a written justification of the benefits to SMUD and consistency with Board policy and submitted to the Board Special Assistant. Written travel and training justifications, along with a status report on the Board's travel and training budget and individual directors' expenditures, shall be distributed to all Board members monthly for the purposes of transparency and oversight.
- e) Board members shall submit all relevant travel and training receipts to Board Office staff within two weeks for reconciliation.
- f) Board members shall publicly report the results of their travel and training at a Board meeting.
- g) New Board members shall receive an orientation in the Board's travel and training policy.

**Monitoring Method:** Board Report

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