

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

GLOUCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Maintaining the integrity and dignity of the public office is essential for retaining high levels of public confidence in our institutions of government. Therefore, every member of the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors should adhere to the following Standards of Conduct.

1. Avoid the use of abusive, threatening or intimidating language or gestures directed at colleagues, citizens, or employees.
2. Be well prepared for each meeting.
3. Avoid offering personal public criticism of County employees, recognizing the dignity of each individual.
4. Work to create a positive environment in public meetings so citizens will feel comfortable in their roles as observers or participants.
5. Maintain an attitude of courtesy and consideration toward all during discussions and deliberations.
6. Be tolerant. Allow citizens, employees, or colleagues sufficient opportunity to present their views.
7. Be respectful and attentive. Avoid comments, body language or activity that conveys a message of disrespect or disinterest for the presentations or views of citizens, employees or colleagues.
8. Be concise. Stay on topic. Get to the point.
9. Communicate directly with the County Administrator, County Attorney, department directors, and/or the Chair of the Board on County matters to enhance communication between staff and the Board of Supervisors.
10. Avoid the use of electronic devices during Board meetings to communicate with others regarding county business.