**20:78:05:10.  Board member potential conflict of interest.** A potential conflict of interest is an indirect financial interest, or a personal relationship or another interest in a party involved in a contested case proceeding or disciplinary action that is different from that of the general public, that a reasonable person would believe might result in bias or prejudgment. A board member shall disclose any potential conflict of interest in a contested case proceeding or disciplinary action on the record at the initiation of the hearing, or during the hearing if the board member becomes aware of the existence of a potential conflict of interest at that time. Upon the board's own motion or the motion of a party, and considering the rule of necessity should maintenance of a quorum be an issue, the board may recuse a member with a potential conflict of interest if it determines that the potential conflict of interest raises an unacceptable risk of bias or prejudgment in the contested case proceeding or disciplinary action.

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