

# STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

December 13, 2023

**TOPIC:** Board Policy 3-71, Whistleblower Protection

**PRESENTED BY:**

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**RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Transform our own workforce experience; Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence

**EXPLANATION:**

The System has reviewed Board Policy (BP) 3-71 with the SBCCOE Audit Committee, as part of its five-year review cycle. In November 2019, substantive edits were proposed and approved by the Board, clarifying the type of conduct that meets the statutory definition of “Whistleblower”, and prescribing the various ways to report a CCCS complaint, along with explaining how complaints are handled.

The policy remains compliant with state statute and laws. The SBCCOE Audit Committee approved the current version, and the System presents the reaffirmed policy for full Board approval.

Additionally, Legal Affairs is removing Appendix A, Acknowledgement. The body of the policy makes no reference to the appendix, nor is it a statutory requirement; thereby making it irrelevant and unnecessary.

The attached BP 3-71 reflects the non-substantive, editorial, or conforming changes. A redline version showing the details of all revisions is available upon request.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

CCCS General Counsel recommends the Board approve the reaffirmed BP 3-71.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

BP 3-71 FINAL 12.13.23