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**Board of Trustees**

1 **BP 2300 INVOCATIONS AT BOARD MEETINGS**

2 **Reference:**

3 None

4 The Board of Trustees of the Cerritos Community College District desires to preserve the  
5 tradition and practice of offering invocations at board meetings and to do so in a manner  
6 consistent with the principles of the state and federal constitutions and applicable law.

7 The Board of Trustees engages in the time-honored practice of offering invocations at  
8 Board meetings in order to call attention to the solemnity of these occasions in the lives  
9 of students and their families, and to invoke divine guidance and blessing, to show respect  
10 for beliefs widely held among members of the community.

11 The Board of Trustees believes that the historical tradition of including an invocation is  
12 consistent with the practices of our Founders and members of executive, legislative and  
13 judicial branches of government, as well as the two-century-old tradition at other public  
14 colleges and universities across the United States, including at our Nation’s military  
15 academics, of including an invocation at important events.

16 This policy is not intended, and shall not be implemented or construed in any way, to  
17 affiliate the Cerritos Community College District, nor express preference for, any faith or  
18 religious denomination. Rather, this policy is intended to acknowledge and express  
19 respect for the diversity of religious denominations and faiths represented and practiced  
20 among the citizens in the community college district.

21 Office of Primary Responsibility: President/Superintendent

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