

Code of Conduct for Cabinet members

Preamble

Henceforth:

- “Cabinet” is synonymous with the Government of Talossa as described in Organic Law Article XII.1
- government MZs = all MZs from parties represented in the Cabinet, plus any Senators who are members of the Cabinet

Content

Cabinet members shall refrain from personally attacking each other in public, and when disagreeing will sort out any differences in private or in Cabinet. Generally, attacking a Cabinet member over the exercise of their functions is to be avoided, however public disagreements over non-governmental matters (such as party policy) will not be disciplined, insofar as restraint and common courtesy is observed.

Cabinet members will also strive to conduct themselves professionally while interacting with the general public and/or other officers of State while exercising their functions.

Every member of this Cabinet will adhere to the principle of collective responsibility and Cabinet common courtesy. Regardless of personal differences, Cabinet members serve Talossa and her people, and are expected to keep that in mind while dealing with each other, behaving at all times in such a way as not to bring the Cabinet into disrepute.

Any public endeavour by a Cabinet member will be discussed in Cabinet prior to any public action or announcement. Subsequent to implementation, it's preferable that members only voice any major discontent in Cabinet, so that collectively agreed action can be taken.

Legislative policy that is not discussed in Cabinet prior to voting will not be bound by collective responsibility. Government MZs will be free to criticize the content of the bill publicly and vote according to their judgement and/or their party policy. However, legislative policies that have been agreed upon during Cabinet discussion are expected to be supported by government MZs during voting.

Cabinet members shall be responsible to the Cabinet for any behaviour of Deputy Ministers which brings the Cabinet into disrepute.

Cabinet members shall proactively recuse themselves from any matter involving a potential financial benefit to themselves or an entity they control, except for reimbursements for line item budget expenses with prior approval by the Seneschal, or postage. Members who discover a potential conflict of interest should immediately inform the Seneschal, who must then notify the Cabinet, and if necessary, appoint someone to temporarily act in the member's absence.

Enforcement

Whenever a member of this Cabinet shall deem that a breach to any point of this code of conduct has occurred, they shall bring this matter to the Cabinet's attention.

The Seneschál is responsible for upholding this Code of Conduct, and shall publicly warn any violators. Repeated offences may be punished by dismissal from Cabinet.

If the Seneschál themselves violates the Code of Conduct, a public warning may be issued by a majority of members of Cabinet. In the case of repeated offences, the Cabinet may appeal to the King for a dismissal of the Seneschál.

Addendum

In addition to the above, no Cabinet Minister shall hold the office of Mençéi or Túischac'h .

Upon implementation of this Code of Conduct, accepting or otherwise holding any Ministerial portfolio shall be interpreted as each holder tacitly agreeing to be bound by these guidelines.