All badgeholders are subject to the Code of Conduct. This code of conduct includes a no self-dealing section that stipulates:

- Mandatory (Violation 2): Optimists must avoid conflicts of interest where possible and mitigate their impact when not
 possible. We recommend over-communicating and disclosing potential conflicts of interest even when they do not
 warrant abstaining from a vote.
- 2a. Any actual or reasonably anticipated conflicts of interest must be disclosed in writing and prominently displayed ahead of any voting. (see 10d for the definition of affiliated projects for badgeholders)
- 2d. Badgeholders should not vote for organizations where they expect any portion of funds to flow to them or any projects from which they derive income
- Mandatory (Violation 11): Badgeholders must not use private voting to obscure self-dealing.
- After RetroPGF Rounds end, the Foundation or Code of Conduct Council may randomly sample 55 ballots to check for conflicts of interest.
- If a suspected self-dealing violation is filed, the Foundation may also review the ballot of the reported badgeholder to check for conflicts of interest.
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The thread below is where badgeholders should disclose any conflicts of interest prior to voting in Round 2 & Round 3.