



Overview of Requirements: 160-4-9-.06 Charter Authorizers, Financing, Management and Governance Training

The following requirements reflect the “Governance Training” (Section 4 of 160-4-9-.06):

- Governing boards of newly approved must engage in initial training and annually thereafter.
- All charter school governing boards must adopt a model code of ethics-
 - within 3 months of SBOE adoption
 - future revisions of the code must also be adopted within 3 months of SBOE adoption
 - governing board members must sign a copy of the COE
- The SBOE will adopt a training program (projected to approve training providers in February 2015).
 - Governing boards must adopt a training program within three months of the SBOE approving training providers. Training program should clearly demonstrate how the board will ensure compliance with all training requirements
 - Future revisions by SBOE must also be adopted within three months of SBOE approval
 - Governing boards must adopt their training program at a regularly scheduled board meeting
- Eligibility to serve –
 - In order to serve on a charter school governing board, candidates for board positions must sign the COE, COI and disclosure statement
 - All board members must provide annual disclosure of affiliations

- Training requirements –
 - Newly seated members – 15 hours of training must be completed within one (1) year of taking office. The 15 hours must be completed as follows:
 - 3 of the 15 hours in charter finance & budgeting
 - 3 of the 15 hours in best practices in charter school governance (on the SBOE Standards for Effective Governance of Georgia Nonprofit Charter School Governing Boards)
 - The remaining hours will be completed based on identified needs
 - Members with one (1) or more years of service must complete, as a minimum, nine (9) hours of training annually.
 - Three (3) of the hours must be in whole board governance team training. The assessment of needs will be based on the SBOE adopted standards for governing boards.
 - The governing board adopted training plan should address the needs identified.
 - The remaining hours will be completed based on identified needs
 - All training must be conducted by SBOE approved training providers
 - Each board training program will include training curricula aligned with SBOE standards
 - The board chair must receive training related to leadership duties as some portion of the annual requirement
 - Whole board team training must be conducted for all board members on an annual basis.