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 –

  o 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

  o 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

  o All training must be conducted by SBOE approved training providers

  o Each board training program will include training curricula aligned with SBOE standards

  o The board chair must receive training related to leadership duties as some portion of the annual requirement

  o Whole board team training must be conducted for all board members on an annual basis.