

CABE selected to provide mandatory training for new Board members

New law passed by CT General Assembly requires training for new BOE members

In June 2023, the Connecticut General Assembly passed and the Governor signed a [new law](#) that requires all first-time elected local or regional Board of Education members to participate in training within one year of taking office. The law states that the training “include, but not be limited to, the role and responsibilities of a board member, the duties and obligations of a board of education and school district budgeting and education finance.”

The State Department of Education has contracted with CABE to serve as the exclusive provider of the training program. It is designed to help new Board of Education members understand the roles and responsibilities of the governing bodies for school districts and the individuals who serve on them.

In order to fulfill the requirements under the new state law, BOE members elected for the first time since July 2023 can participate in training that is part of CABE’s [“Ready. Set. Govern!” professional development program](#).

The next New Board Member Leadership Conference will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Hartford Sheraton South in Rocky Hill, CT. Check back for details and registration.

In addition to training for new Board members, the “Ready. Set. Govern!” program offers virtual and in-person professional development for any BOE member. In the summer and fall of 2024, CABE is partnering with the [Connecticut Association of School Business Officials \(CASBO\)](#) to offer a School Finance Webinar Series. CABE also provides workshops specifically for Board Chairs, as well as skill-building sessions and webinars on a variety of critical topics in K-12 education.

“CABE is honored to support new Board of Education members and the districts they serve with outstanding professional development,” said Patrice McCarthy, CABE Executive Director and General Counsel. “Our goal is to ensure that all 1,400 volunteer school board members in Connecticut have the skills and support they need to be effective.”

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