BOARD MEMBER TRAINING/ DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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The board and superintendent, to the best of their ability, will assist each newly elected, reelected, appointed, or reappointed member in understanding the board's functions, policies, and procedures. The superintendent will provide each newly elected member with materials pertinent to board operations, including access to the board policy manual. The board will provide each newly elected, reelected, appointed, or reappointed member with information about training required by state law and administrative support to ensure members comply with mandatory training requirements.

Training for Members

State law requires all newly elected, reelected, appointed, or reappointed members to successfully complete a state-approved training program within nine months of taking office. The program will include the powers, duties, and responsibilities of board members, as well as other topics, including but not limited to board relations, policy development, personnel, superintendent, instructional programs, district finance, school law, community relations, and board ethics.

Board members who fail to comply with the mandatory training requirements may be referred by the State Board of Education to the Governor for possible removal from office in accordance with state law and the procedures outlined in policy BBBD, Board Member Removal from Office.

Certification

The board will certify that all members have complied with the training requirements, the State Ethics Act, and the local code of ethics within nine months of an election, reelection, appointment, or reappointment of its members. The certification will be published in the minutes of the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

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Legal References:

A. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
   1. Section 8-15-60 - Boards authorized to foster, encourage, and provide for training for board members.
   2. Section 59-19-45 - Orientation program for new board members.