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**BOARD TRAINING**

The Board of Directors (Board) believes that the Board's ability to effectively and responsibly govern the non-profit corporation is essential to promoting student achievement, building positive community relations, and protecting the public interest in the non-profit corporation that operates charter school(s). Board members shall be provided sufficient opportunities for professional development that helps them understand their responsibilities, stay abreast of new developments in education, and develop boardsmanship skills.

The Board and/or the Executive Director or designee shall provide an orientation to newly elected or appointed Board members which includes comprehensive information regarding Board roles, policies, and procedures and the non-profit corporation's vision and goals, operations, and current challenges. Throughout their first term, Board members shall continue to participate in additional educational opportunities designed to assist them in understanding the principles of effective governance, including, but not limited to, information on school finance and budgets, student achievement and assessment, labor relations, community relations, program evaluation, open meeting laws (the Brown Act), conflict of interest laws, and other topics necessary to govern effectively and in compliance with law.

All Board members are encouraged to continuously participate in advanced training offered by the California Schools Development Center or similar charter non-profit organizations. In order to reinforce boardsmanship skills and build knowledge related to key education issues. Such activities may include online courses, webinars, webcasts, and in-person attendance at workshops and conferences. In addition, workshops and consultations may be held within the non-profit corporation on issues that involve the entire governance team.

Board members may attend a conference or similar public gathering with other Board members and/or with the Executive Director or designee in order to develop common knowledge and understanding of an issue or engage in team-building exercises. In such cases, a majority of the Board members shall not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specified nature that is within the non-profit corporation's jurisdiction, so as not to violate the Brown Act open meeting laws pursuant to Government Code 54952.2.

Board members shall report to the Board, orally or in writing, on the Board training activities they attend, for the purpose of sharing the acquired knowledge or skills with the full Board and enlarging the benefit of the activity to the Board and non-profit corporation.