
Charter School Governing Body Training Rule 0520-14-01-.07

The Background:

Public Chapter 219 of the 111th General Assembly amended the language involving the annual training requirement for charter school governing board members. The new statutory language under T.C.A. § 49-13-111(q) states that any training course used by charter school governing boards to meet the annual training requirements must be certified by the Tennessee Charter School Center (TCSC) and approved by the State Board of Education.

The intended goals of this rule are to:

- Outline a process for the approval of a training course by the State Board of Education, and
- Provide specific training course requirements for governing board members.

Between first and final reading, the State Board staff collected additional feedback from stakeholders and conducted a rulemaking hearing on December 5, 2019. The following substantive changes were made to the rule prior to final reading:

- Set the training requirement for individuals new to a charter school governing board at six (6) hours within the first twelve (12) months of appointment,
- Set the training requirement for individuals continuing their service on a charter school governing board after year one (1) at four (4) hours annually, and
- Allow individuals to achieve the training requirements through one (1) course or multiple courses that meet the required hours.

The Recommendation:

The SBE staff recommends approval of this item on final reading.