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I. Purpose

T.C.A § 49-13-111(q) requires the governing body of a charter school to conduct an annual board training. The training course(s) shall be certified by the Tennessee Charter School Center (TCSC) and approved by the State Board.

State Board rule 0520-14-01-.07 contains the information required to be collected by the TCSC for use in reviewing courses for certification and subsequent recommendation for approval to the State Board. Additionally, the rule contains the required number of annual training hours for new and experienced governing body members and the timeline for completing the annual training. Governing body members may establish compliance with the required training hours through one course meeting the minimum training hours or multiple courses meeting the minimum training hours. Completed training courses are valid for only one (1) year. The TCSC is required to inform the respective charter school authorizers of each governing body's completion of the training requirements. Charter school authorizers are responsible for monitoring compliance for their authorized charter schools.

This policy lists the training courses that are certified by the TCSC, approved by the State Board, and available for use by charter school governing bodies to meet the training requirements under T.C.A. § 49-13-111(q) and State Board rule 0520-14-01-.07.

II. Approved Charter School Governing Body Training Courses

The following training courses are certified by the TCSC and approved by the State Board for new and experienced governing body members. These courses meet the training course requirements of State Board rule 0520-14-01-.07 and count toward the required training hours for governing body members. Approved courses are valid for three (3) years, unless otherwise noted.

New governing body members shall complete a minimum of six (6) hours of training courses within twelve (12) months of joining the governing body. Specific training topics that new governing body members must receive training in are set forth in State Board rule 0520-14-01-.07. New governing body members may select any course approved for new governing body members listed in Table 1 or Table 2, as long as all required training topics specified in rule are covered.

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Experienced governing body members shall complete a minimum of four (4) hours of training courses from Table 2. Experienced governing body members shall complete all required training course hours by November 15th each year.

Table 1. Trainings Approved for New Governing Body Members

Course	Training Entity	Length of Course	Approval Period
Charter Board Fundamentals	BoardOnTrack	1.0 hour	July 2020 – July
			2023
Make Your Meetings Matter	BoardOnTrack	1.0 hour	July 2020 – July
			2023
KIPP Nashville: New Board	KIPP Nashville Board	2.0 hours	July 2020 – July
Member Training	of Directors		2023
Rocketship Public Schools:	Rocketship Public	2.0 hours	July 2021 – July
New Board Member Training	Schools		2024

Table 2. Trainings Approved for New Governing Body Members and Experienced Governing Body Members

Course	Training Entity	Length of Course	Approval Period
Strategically Recruiting Your Sustainable Governance Team	BoardOnTrack	1.0 hour	July 2020 – July 2023
Developing and Supporting Your Board – CEO Partnership	BoardOnTrack	1.0 hour	July 2020 – July 2023
Structuring Your Board for Success	BoardOnTrack	1.0 hour	July 2020 – July 2023
Make Your Meetings Matter	BoardOnTrack	1.0 hour	July 2020 – July 2023
Governing for Growth	BoardOnTrack	1.0 hour	July 2020 – July 2023
LEAN Six Sigma Principles	The Henson Consortium	8.0 hours	July 2020 – July 2023
KIPP Nashville: Annual Board Member Training	KIPP Foundation	6.0 hours	July 2020 – July 2023
Rocketship Public Schools: Board Governance Training	Rocketship Public Schools	2.0 hours	July 2021 – July 2024
Rocketship Public Schools: School Metrics Training	Rocketship Public Schools	2.0 hours	July 2021 – July 2024
Freedom Prep: The Basics of Governance for Charter School Boards	Standpoint Consulting	6.0 hours	July 2022 – July 2025
Non-Profit Governance	Tennessee Charter School Center	1.0 hour	July 2022 – July 2025

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State Law	Tennessee Charter	1.0 hour	July 2022 – July
	School Center		2025
Tennessee Open Meetings	Tennessee Charter	1.0 hour	July 2022 – July
and Open Records	School Center		2025
Requirements			
Conflict of Interest and Ethics	Tennessee Charter	1.0 hour	July 2022 – July
	School Center		2025
Board Orientation and School	Tennessee Charter	1.0 hour	July 2022 – July
Administration	School Center		2025
Board Recruitment and	Tennessee Charter	1.0 hour	July 2022 – July
Succession Planning	School Center		2025
Fundraising	Tennessee Charter	1.0 hour	July 2022 – July
	School Center		2025
Facilities Development and	Tennessee Charter	1.0 hour	July 2022 – July
Finance	School Center		2025

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