

Cooperative Boards

Board Member Development

The NDSEC Governing and Operational Boards desire that individual members learn, understand, and practice effective governance principles. The Executive Director is responsible for Board member orientation and development.

The Executive Director shall provide all Board members with pertinent information.

Mandatory Board Member Training

Each Board member is responsible for his or her own compliance with the mandatory training laws that are described below:

1. Each Board member must complete training on the Open Meetings Act no later than 90 days after being appointed to the Board for the first time. After completing the training, each Board member must file a copy of the certificate of completion with the member district which he/she represents. Training on the Open Meetings Act is only required once.
2. Each Board member must complete a training program on evaluations under the Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) before participating in a vote on a tenured teacher's dismissal using the optional alternative evaluation dismissal process. This dismissal process is available after the Cooperative's PERA implementation date.

The orientation process for newly appointed Board members includes:

1. The Executive Director shall give each new Board member a copy of or online access to the Board Policy Manual, the Board's regular meeting minutes for the past year, and other helpful information including material describing the Cooperative and explaining the Board's roles and responsibilities.
2. The Board Chairperson may request a veteran Board member to mentor a new member.
3. All new members are encouraged to attend workshops for new members conducted by the Illinois Association of School Boards.

LEGAL REF.: 5 ILCS 120/1.05 and 120/2.
105 ILCS 5/10-16a and 5/24-16.5.

CROSS REF.: 2:80 (Board Member Oath and Conduct), 2:125 (Board Member Compensation; Expenses), 2:200 (Types of School Board Meetings)

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