



## 2024 Legislative Charter School Board Updates

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### WHAT'S NEW FOR MINNESOTA CHARTER SCHOOL BOARDS?

(Some highlights....see link for further [information](#))

#### BOARD TRAINING

\*New board members must complete the following training before their term begins:

- Board's roles and responsibilities
- Open meeting law
- Data practices law

Within 12 months of being seated, board members must complete:

- Employment policies and practices under [Chapter 181](#),
- Public school funding and financial management
- Board's roles and responsibilities regarding student success, achievement, and performance.

Those who do not complete training within the 12 months are automatically **ineligible** to continue to serve as a board member and ineligible to be elected or appointed to a charter school board for 18 months.

- Training completion must be certified by the providing organization or person

Annual training for all board members:

- Ex-officio board members must complete training within 3 months of commencement of employment.
- Board must conduct an annual training assessment to determine the needs for full board. [See list of training this should include.](#)
- In addition to certification of training delivery, the results must be included in annual report.

#### BOARD BYLAWS

Boards can change its governance structure only by:

1. A majority vote of the board
2. Majority vote of licensed teachers employed by the school who provide instruction to students, and
3. the authorizer's approval

Additional Highlights:

- A community member serving on the board **must reside** in Minnesota.
- Board Members cannot be related parties.
- Bylaws **must set** the number of terms an individual may serve on the board and terms as an officer of the board.
- Employees of the charter school cannot serve on the charter school's board, except licensed teachers under the rules listed in 124E.07 Subd. 3(b)(1-3)
- Board terms must begin on **July 1**
- Board terms can be no less than **2 years**.

#### BOARD ELECTIONS

- Charter school boards must establish and publish election policies and procedures on the school's website.
- Charter school boards must notify eligible voters of the school board election dates and voting procedures at least 30 calendar days before the election and post it on the school's website.
- Charter school boards must notify eligible voters of the candidate's names, biographies, and candidate statements at least 10 calendar days before the election and post it on the school's website.

#### NEW DEFINITIONS

**Immediate Family Member** : Defined as any relationship by blood, marriage, adoption or partnership of spouses, parents, grandparents, siblings, children, first cousins, aunts, uncles, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

**Related Party**: Defined as an affiliate or immediate family member of the other interested party, an affiliate of an immediate family member who is the other interested party, or an immediate family member of an affiliate who is the other interested party.

#### MINUTES

Charter schools must publish and maintain the meeting minutes of the board and committees on the school's website within 30 days following the earlier of :

- 1) the date the board approved the minutes or
- 2) the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Minutes need to remain posted for at least 365 days from the date of publication.

Compliance  
required by  
August 1, 2024