



CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNANCE TRAINING PLANS APPROVED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Title: What Works for Charter School Boards – Florida Board Member Governance Training Compliance Series

Training Overview: Satisfy the four-hour charter school governance board training requirement on-line! This training is a leadership professional development series designed to maximize the effectiveness of charter school governing boards. The Florida board member training compliance series includes four practical, on-line training modules that meet the requirements of Florida Statutes. The training is offered by the Clarion Council for Educational Greatness and covers all content areas outlined by law to include: Government-in-the Sunshine Law; Conflict of Interest; Ethics; and Financial Responsibility. The modules are easy to use, interactive, and provide a Certificate of Completion.

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Title: The Essentials for Charter School Boards

Training Overview: This five-hour session will be delivered by experts in the fields of leadership development, Florida law, and school finance and will present five essential training components for charter school board members. Component 1 involves discussion of effective educational governance, legal responsibilities of charter school board members, and principles of building collaborative relationship with employees and the charter school community. Component 2 addresses significant provisions of Florida's Sunshine Law. Component 3 reviews the statutory provisions governing voting protocols when a conflict of interest exists with a charter school board member. Component 4 presents ethical situations that occur in organizations and provides strategies for improving decision-making skills on ethical issues. Component 5 examines the financial responsibilities of charter school board members and explains the Florida Education Finance Program.

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Title: Effective Board Governance of Public Charter Schools in Florida

Greater Capacity Consortium (www.greatercapacity.org), a nonprofit resource for charter school boards in Florida and nationally, offers training in multi-formats (as online modules accessible 24/7, synchronous webinars, and in-person workshops). Our trainers reside in Orlando, Miami and Tallahassee and criss-cross the state to provide FL-DOE certified training in ethics, conflicts of interest, government in the sunshine, and financial responsibility and much more all in comprehensive four-hour and refresher two-hour formats.

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Title: Charter School Governance Training for Board of Director Members

Training Overview: Our sessions will include all aspects of mandatory training as well as additional work on best practices in school organization and operation. Our trainers have been working with Florida charter schools for more than ten years.

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Title: Making the Most of Charter School Governing Boards: Effective Strategies- Electronic Version

Training Overview: The electronic version of this engaging course on charter school governing boards can be used as a self-paced training for an individual board member or can be used as training for small or large groups. Your governing board will learn about its primary responsibilities and effective strategies to ensure that it sets high expectations, operates under the Sunshine Laws and is prepared to meet the challenges of intense scrutiny. The course includes a PowerPoint presentation with hands-on activities and informational handouts that cover all aspects of effective board governance. It also includes real-life examples of issues that face Florida charter school boards. The course was designed by Dr. Ruth Jacoby, Director of Leadership Development, with the Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools, the primary membership association for Florida charter schools. Dr. Jacoby is a 10-year charter school veteran who has served as both a charter school administrator and a charter school governing board member.

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Title: Making the Most of Charter School Governing Boards: Effective Strategies

Training Overview: Your governing board members may have the best of intentions, volunteer their time, are successful in their other roles in their life and may even serve on more than one governing board. But does your board run efficient meetings, does it use the time wisely and is it actually making policies? Does the board spend more time dealing with day-to-day operations rather than with budget and policy issues? In this workshop, your governing board will learn about its primary responsibilities and effective strategies to ensure that it sets high expectations, operates under the Sunshine Laws and is prepared to meet the challenges of intense scrutiny.

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Title: Charter School Governance Training—Live Presentation

Training Overview: One of the quickest ways for a charter school to fail is to be run by a board of directors who are uninformed, or worse, misinformed about their roles and responsibilities. Involvement on the board of a charter school requires not only commitment and dedication, but also a core base of knowledge about the board's roles and responsibilities and the requirements of the Florida charter school law. This training includes topics such as open government laws, conflicts of interest, ethics, financial responsibilities, policies and procedures, effective meetings and organizational documents. The training will be conducted at your school and scheduled at your school's convenience. The presenter is an attorney who brings over 10 years of experience representing the interests of charter schools.

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Title: Charter School Governance Training—Distance Learning

Training Overview: Charter School Governance Training is an audio program that allows individuals to move through the material at their own pace and at the location of their choice. The course will be distributed on-line and on computer media and may be played back on Windows, Mac and Linux-based computers, as well as on a wide variety of portable audio devices, including the Apple iPod. An electronic version of the course book and worksheets are also included in the package and they may be printed out or viewed electronically. The program includes everything necessary for successful completion of Florida's statutory governance training requirement for charter school board members. The program includes topics such as open government laws, conflicts of interest, ethics, financial responsibilities, policies and procedures, effective meetings and organizational documents.

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Title: Charter School Board Governance

Training Overview: The purpose is to teach, educate, and provide charter school boards with the structure needed to develop models of good governance. The program is organized into five distinct instructional units: (1) Florida's Sunshine and Public Records Laws; (2) Conflict of Interest; (3) Board Ethics; (4) Financial Responsibility; and (5) Governance Responsibilities of Charter School Boards.

Each unit is developed and tailored to meet the needs of the charter school. Emphasis is placed on developing the skills and critical competencies needed to transform each board into a high performing governance team. Using a variety of instructional methods the content is presented so participants gradually and in a systematic, logical way build new knowledge and skill on a foundation of previous understanding. Central to the units is the opportunity for charter schools to work closely with highly trained governance consultants who will work directly with charter school boards and principals to improve and monitor board performance.