

STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION OF GEORGIA
GOVERNANCE TRAINING POLICY FOR STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS

Article I
Purpose

The purpose of this governance training policy is to promote high-quality charter schools through compliance with Georgia law, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-2084(f), establishing differentiated requirements for new and tenured governing board members at state charter schools.

Article II
Policy

1. **Training Requirements for all State Charter School Governing Board Members.** Annually, all governing board members of state charter schools must complete six (6) hours of training, as described below, that is conducted by the State Charter Schools Commission (SCSC) or by a provider approved by the State Board of Education:
 - (a) Three (3) hours of sound fiscal and budget management for state charter schools;
 - (b) One (1) hour on best practices on charter school governance and the constitutional and statutory requirements relating to public records and meetings;
 - (c) One (1) hour of updates to the legal requirements of applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and policies; and
 - (d) One (1) hour on oversight of state charter school performance, academic accountability, or related topics.
2. **Training Requirements for New State Charter School Governing Board Members.** During each of the first two (2) years that a member serves on the governing board of a state charter school, the member must complete an additional six (6) hours of training related to the basics of state charter schools, accountability, financial governance, and effective governing board service that is conducted by the State Charter Schools Commission (SCSC). The SCSC Executive Director, at his or her discretion, may approve the use of a provider approved by the State Board of Education.
3. **Requirement for Additional Training.** The SCSC Executive Director may require additional governance training for board members of state charter schools that are on probation, have not met standards on the SCSC Comprehensive Performance Framework, or have demonstrated other academic, financial, or compliance concerns identified by SCSC staff.
4. **Reimbursement of Travel Expenses.** The SCSC may reimburse state charter schools for travel expenses incurred for governing board members and staff members to attend Governance Training provided by the SCSC. Expenses must be submitted within 30 days of travel, eligible for reimbursement, and consistent with the State Travel Policy established by the State Accounting Office.
5. **Guidance.** SCSC staff shall provide guidance on implementation of this policy, including but not limited to, training topics required for New State Charter School Governing Board Members and defining the members subject thereto.