

Requirements

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W.Va. Code § 18B-1D-9 requires that:

- Within six months of beginning service on a governing board, a board member must complete at least three hours of training and development relating to their duties as a board member
- With the exception of the student members of a governing board, each board member must complete at least six hours of training and development within every two years of service.
- The training and development is to address the following topics:
 - State goals, objectives, and priorities for higher education.
 - The accountability system for higher education set forth in W.Va. Code §18B-1D-1 et seq.
 - The general powers and duties of governing board members.
 - Ethical considerations arising from board membership.
- By July 31 of each year, the chair is to certify to the Commission the number of hours of training and development each board member received during the preceding fiscal year.
- If the certification indicates that a board member did not complete the required training and development, then the Commission is to certify to the Governor and Secretary of State (for lay citizen members) that the member is disqualified from continued service as a board member and that the Governor must appoint a replacement. If a classified employee or faculty representative on a governing board does not meet the training and development requirement, then the institutional body that elected them shall be notified of their disqualification and asked to select a replacement.
- The three hours of training in the first six months of service provision is to be interpreted as applying only to those governing board members beginning service on or after July 1, 2009.
- The six hours of training every two years of service provision is to be interpreted as beginning on July 1, 2009 for those members already in office on July 1, 2009 or as beginning with the start of

service date if appointed after July 1, 2009.